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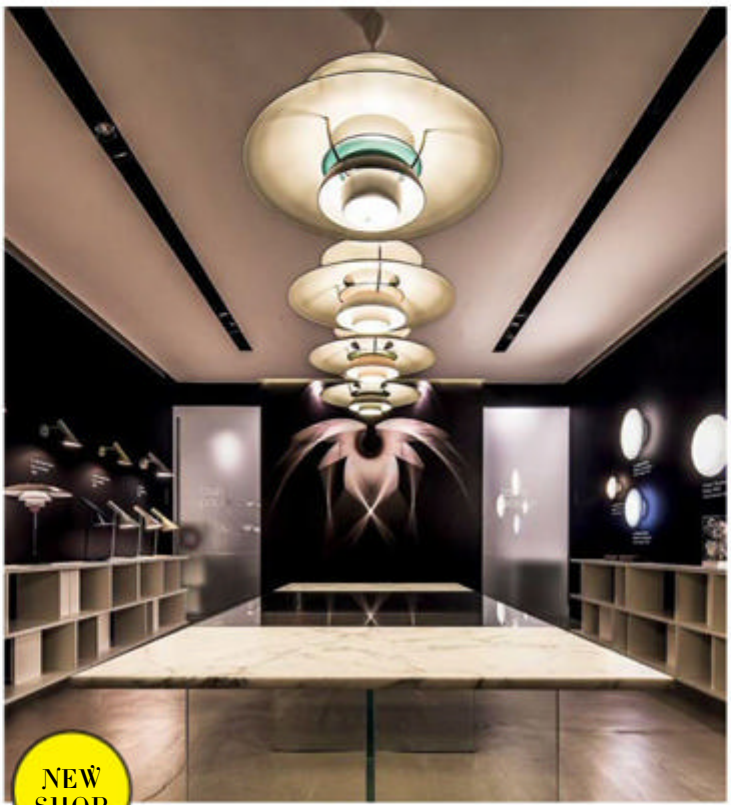
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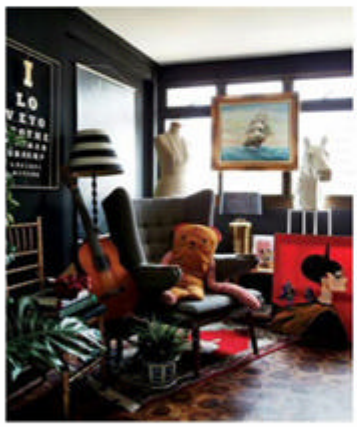


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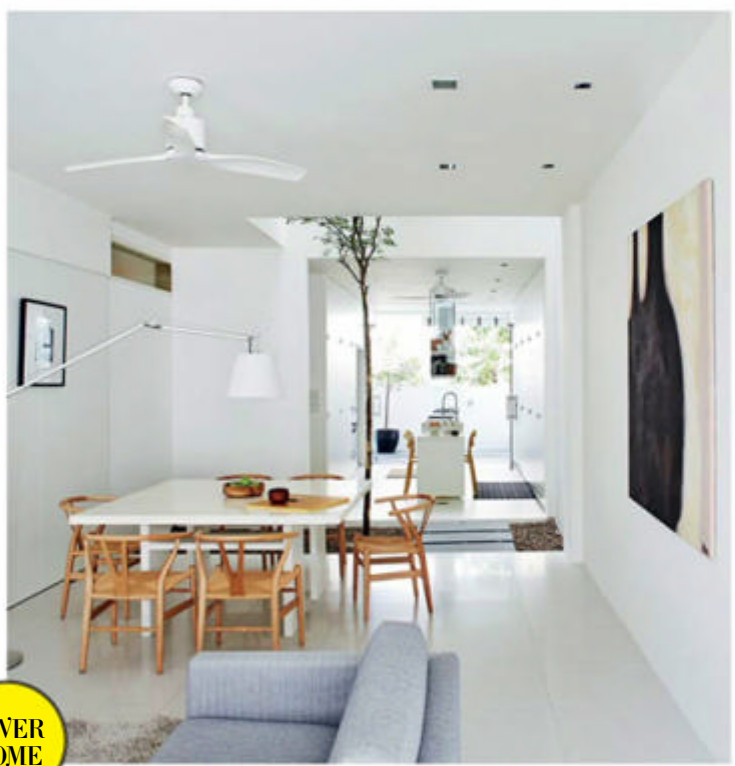


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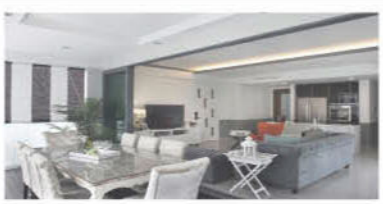


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For something with more energy, turn to A Personal Touch on page 108 and Old Is Gold on page 130. These homeowners are not afraid to put their passions on show, and have truly surrounded themselves with all the things they love.

We know more folks are becoming entrepreneurs, with the boom of co-working spaces. And because we firmly believe good design can inspire, we sussed out three of the best-looking co-working spaces in town in Working Culture on page 80.

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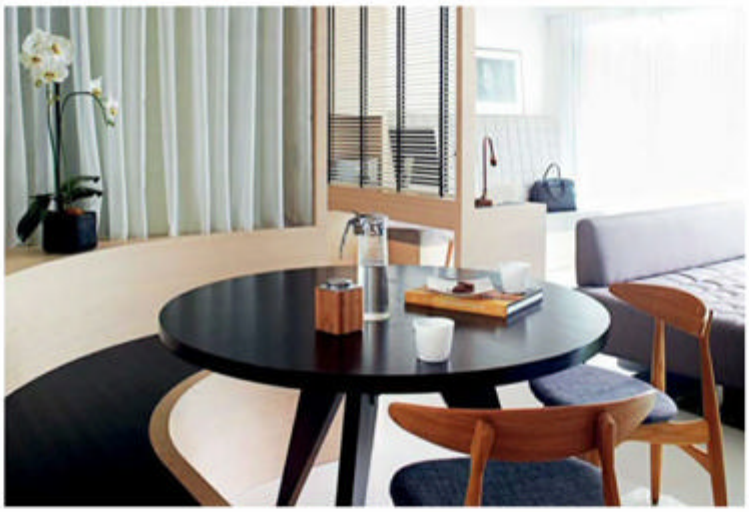
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The stacked structure of The Interlace makes it a stunning piece of architecture.

THE INTERLACE



This small bedroom, given a geometric edge and a pop of colour, turned out pretty snazzy indeed.

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The charming interior of the Flea & Trees boutique features vantage wooden furniture and a neutral colour scheme.

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At first glance, would you have guessed that this unique facade belonged to a clinic?

FOCH ROAD



This art installation – created by a Nafa alumni – consists of ceramic takeaway boxes, some of which were spray-painted gold.

ART STAGE 2015



Black and white shoes on black and white tiles, along the five-foot-way of a stretch of old shophouses in Siglap.

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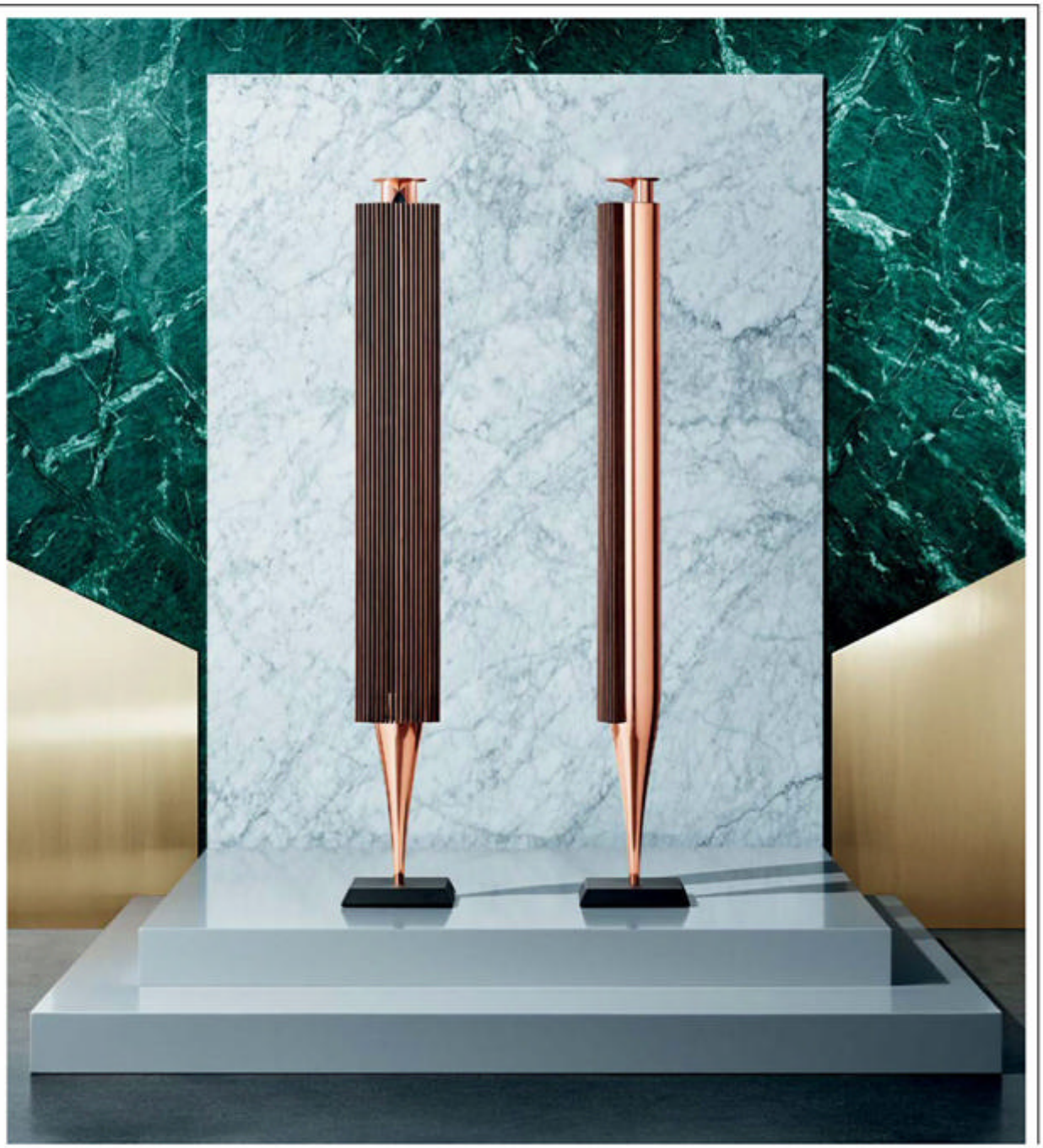
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The Look of Love

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The Love Affair version of the Beolab 18 wireless speakers features a walnut lamella front and a cabinet in rose gold. From Bang & Olufsen.

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Artifort Nina

Why We Love It

The beauty of the Nina chair lies in its versatility. Be it an open-concept dining area or an official boardroom, this contemporary design will fit right in, thanks to its streamlined, rounded profile. Designed in 2000 and manufactured by Dutch company Artifort, it's not just a looker, too; its curved back envelopes the user, and makes one feel comfortable and snug when relaxing in this masterpiece.

Who Designed It

Trained in architecture and design, Dutch designer Rene Holten has created pieces that showcase clean, modern lines and embody a timeless quality. Similarly, Artifort is a storied brand renowned for its timeless designs. Holten's first Artifort design was the Dodo chair in 1997 and, since then, their illustrious partnership has garnered numerous awards. Once Artifort's head of product development, Holten now creates furniture and bathroom fittings under his eponymous design studio.

What It Inspired

The Nina armchair's universal appeal has resulted in it being one of the most copied designs in Artifort's collection. Its ergonomic silhouette was also revisited with Holten's Shark chair for Artifort released in 2011, which features an organic shape that resembles the predator. ●

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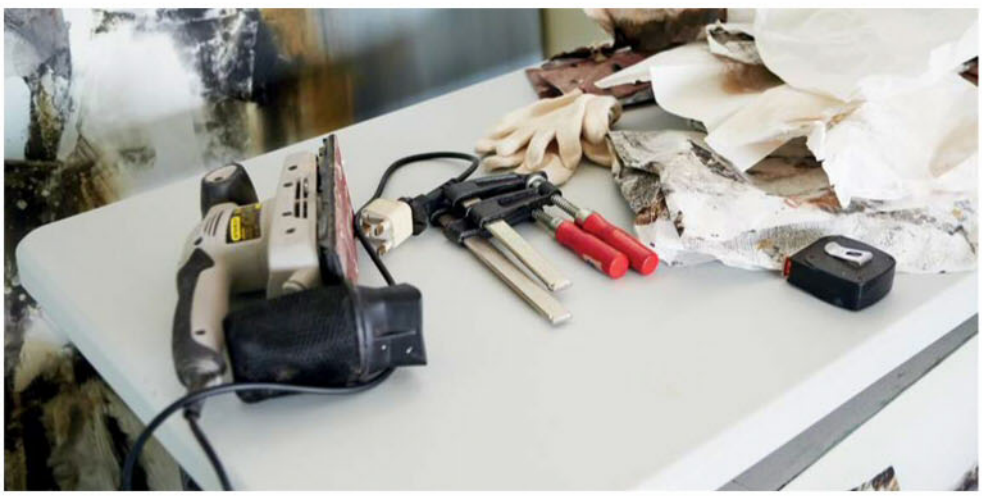
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STUDIO VISIT: WYN-LYN TAN

CREATING ART REQUIRES MORE THAN JUST INSPIRATION. HERE'S AN EXCLUSIVE PEEK INTO THE CREATIVE PROCESS OF A LOCAL CONTEMPORARY ARTIST.









Trained in both Western and Chinese ink painting, Wyn-Lyn Tan creates abstract artworks that are always a beautiful paradoxical meld of chaos and composure.

The internationally recognised 40-year-old artist, who recently put together a moving performance piece with lotus flower sculptures made out of Chinese rice paper at the Inside-Out Art Museum in Beijing, is currently preparing for her fourth solo show at Fost Gallery later this year. She invited *Home & Decor* into her studio for a behind-the-scenes look into her work process.

ONE'S OWN SPACE

Having a studio space to work and think in, Wyn-Lyn says, is extremely important for an artist. She recalls having to paint in her bedroom, and jokes: "At home, you have to clean up... but with a studio, you can leave the 'mess' and just close the door!"

Her "mess" includes pieces that she has put aside but not completely abandoned, as "having the space to potter about and contemplate these works in progress" is also a form of inspiration for her.

She therefore considers herself extremely lucky to have a spot at Telok Kurau Studios, an arts housing project by the National Arts Council, which 27 other artists call their second home.

"It's a physical space where I can focus on my works, and I routinely clock in standard working hours here, from 9.30am to 7pm," she says.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Wyn-Lyn's paintings and installations are often based on the serenity of secluded natural landscapes, inspired by her art residencies to far-flung places such as the Arctic Circle and Iceland.

TOP LEFT & ABOVE LEFT
One corner of the studio is allocated to sketching ideas, while another is dedicated to a work table where Wyn-Lyn uses a sander to create irregular shapes from plywood that she stretches canvas over.

TOP, RIGHT
The artist demonstrates how a brush soaked in water can be used to smear paint on canvas.

ABOVE & OPPOSITE
Wyn-Lyn says that mulling over her older works, such as The Poetics Of Space (pictured above), and works in progress (opposite) in the solitude of her studio inspires her to come up with new ideas.





To bring her creative visions to life, she keeps various tools on hand, such as broad nylon paintbrushes, acrylic paint, pails of water, rice paper, and canvases in all shapes and sizes, which are found scattered around her light-filled studio. She even has an electric sander, used to reshape planks of plywood over which she stretches the canvas.

THE CREATIVE PROCESS

"Painting for me is like a dance. The brush is an extension of my arm, and I paint in a rhythm that becomes intuitive over time," the artist explains. "That's why I prefer painting on the floor. This way, I can move all around the canvas."

As her technique has its roots in Chinese ink painting, Wyn-Lyn uses a lot of water, sometimes using a soaked brush to smear paint on the canvas, and to form subtle drip marks. She also uses a dry brush to create "scrape-like negative spaces" on the artwork. "It's a combination of spontaneous mark-making and alternating between dark and light colours. It often takes around seven to nine layers before a piece is finalised. And I can never replicate works because they are always (created from) a spontaneous dialogue."

While most of the pieces Wyn-Lyn is preparing for her solo show in September are still in the experimental stage, she is crystal clear about what she hopes to put across: "I want to create a world people can step into and dwell upon; to compose a bigger landscape out of smaller canvases that blur the lines between paintings and sculptures."

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ABOVE
Learn some Korean drinking etiquette from this educational wall while enjoying your tipple at the al fresco area on the second floor.

TOP RIGHT
The warmth of the herringbone floor and pinewood furniture complements the copper accents on the ground floor, forming a welcoming entrance.

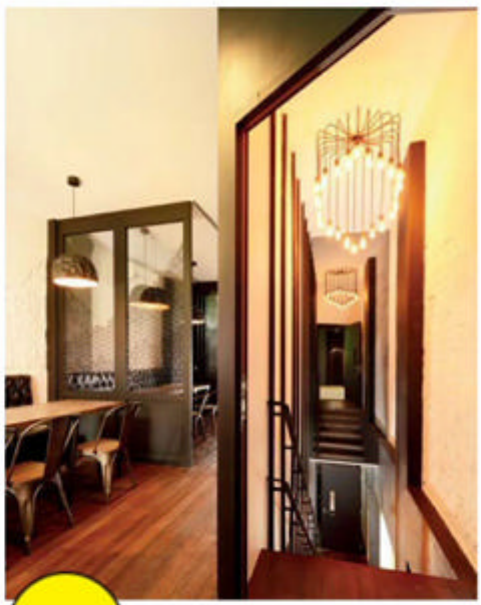
RIGHT
The moody and edgy interiors, which feature industrial lighting designs and exposed brick walls, are not unlike those at a hip club.

BELOW
A must-try, the makgeolli sampler ($35) offers a taste of the original, as well as fruit-flavoured rice wine.

BOTTOM
The Joo bossam ($28) includes pickled cabbage, spicy radish salad, and pork that's boiled in fermented bean paste.







CHECK OUT

JOO

Many cultures have a tradition of bonding over shared food and drinks, and this new restaurant and bar wants to perpetuate the Korean version of this tradition.

Aptly named Joo ("alcohol" in Korean), the establishment by the husband-and-wife team of Jamie and Kristin Lim goes the extra mile with home-brewed makgeolli (Korean rice wine), and interiors that seem to belong to a trendy club, instead of a dining spot.

Conceptualised by the couple and their designer friend, Kenneth Tan, the plan was to have a "minimalist yet cosy, modern yet rustic" space that puts customers at ease while they eat, drink and be merry.

That vision was executed by The Design Ministry, which turned the interiors of the three-storey shophouse into a talking point – even the pinewood found on the restaurant's stools and tables were imported from Korea!

Guests are treated to a casual setting on the ground floor where the open bar serves up Joo's signature makgeolli, soju mojitos, beer and cold-pressed juices. On the upper floors, black chesterfield dining booths, as well as industrial chairs and lighting, are set up for group dining.

In addition, there are see-through folding panels which allow the entire floor to be divided into three private rooms – so don't be afraid to drink a little more, and laugh a little louder!

The second floor also features an amusing yet very informative wall that illustrates Korean drinking etiquettes, such as never filling your own glass, and always receiving a drink refill with your right hand. The owners can attest to Koreans being pretty serious about these rules – whenever they try to pour themselves a cup when drinking with their Korean staff, at least three pairs of hands will reach out to stop them!

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ABOVE
The Bollard lamp is designed by American designer Shane Schneck for Danish company Menu. A slot in its conical silicone casing allows you to slide the electrical cable into different positions. This way, the pendant light can be turned into a spotlight, or placed on the table to shine a diffused light towards the ceiling for a softer ambience. www.shaneschneck.com

RIGHT
Made of only two components – a coated aluminium rod and a luminous disc with a handle – which are joined by a magnetic plug, the Magnum light can be manipulated so that it shines upwards or down. Designed by Polish designer Patrycja Domanska and Vienna designer Felix Gieselmann, the Magnum also serves as a sculptural table light. www.patrycjadomanska.com

FAR RIGHT
Created by Berlin-based design studio Llot Llov, the Ray pendant light can be manipulated in many ways with its 12m-long cord. It can be laid casually on the floor, draped onto furniture, or hung from the ceiling like a conventional pendant lamp. Available at Grafunkt.







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DENISE HUNG & ELODIE BELLEGARDE

AUTHORS OF A COOKBOOK THAT LINKS RECIPES TO EMOTIONS



location NECESSARY PROVISIONS

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Denise Hung and Elodie Bellegarde were both fans of each other's stylish food-centric Instagram accounts, and when they realised that they were both in Singapore, they decided to meet for coffee and scones.

"When we did, we just couldn't stop talking about food!" recalls 25-year-old Malaysia-born Denise, who has a patisserie degree from Le Cordon Bleu Orlando and is a pastry chef at Necessary Provisions.

One of the ideas that often came up in their discussions was how cooking is a personal, emotional affair. So the pair got their hands dirty in Elodie's kitchen – cooking, styling, photographing, and penning recipes that correlate with their moods, which then came together beautifully in a 100-recipe cookbook titled *Kitchen Stories*. It's divided into 20 mood chapters – from celebratory to sadness – which encourage people to be attuned to their moods and cook spontaneously.

Having graduated with a master's in Culinary Arts in London and now freelancing as a food stylist, photographer and writer, French expat Elodie was behind most of the book's visuals.

"As each photograph needed to convey the different emotions attached to it, we used items with sentimental value in the shots, including pictures of our loved ones, and vintage cutlery and tableware that belong to our families. There's always a story behind each dish," the 33-year-old reveals.



The passionate authors have also woven poignant anecdotes into each recipe, allowing readers to immerse themselves in the book. In the Birthday Longevity noodles recipe, for example, Denise reminisces about her grandmother eating *mee sua* (unleavened dough noodles) in clear broth on the morning of her birthday. And for Elodie, her signature dish is chocolate fondant – a dessert she's had many fond memories of baking with her little sister. ●

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ABOVE
Baked by Denise and styled by Elodie, this traditional pandan cake is one of the many scrumptious desserts you can find in *Kitchen Stories*.

TOP
Denise (left) and Elodie filled their cookbook with charming personal tales of each dish.

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NEW SHOP

LOUIS POULSEN

Louis Poulsen may be a name every design buff should know, but its iconic lights seem to be more recognisable than the 119-year-old Danish brand itself. "People tend to relate more to the products than to the company name," observes Jonathan Lee, the director of Louis Poulsen Asia.

Its products include Mid-Century classics from the likes of Poul Henningsen, who designed the Artichoke and the PH family, the AJ family of lamps by Arne Jacobsen, as well as contemporary favourites such as the Snow floor lamp by Louise Campbell.

You can see all these and more in the brand's first flagship showroom outside Denmark, launched in partnership with local firm Sunlight Luminaire. Beyond the glass windows at the entrance is a small cluster of Artichoke pendant lamps, hung in a space with mirrored walls and ceilings. Further in, you'll find the more discreet PH 3/2 and AJ fixtures displayed against black walls.

The layout of the 1,500sqf boutique was conceptualised by one of Singapore's top interior designers, Peter Tay. Inspired by the simplicity of the lights, the shop's interior features minimalist decor that creates a museum-like setting. A strip of wall-mounted lightboxes details the history of Louis Poulsen through six key designers, including Louise Campbell, Arne Jacobsen and Ross Lovegrove.

Prices start from $580, and up to $10,800 for one of those desirable Artichoke lamps.

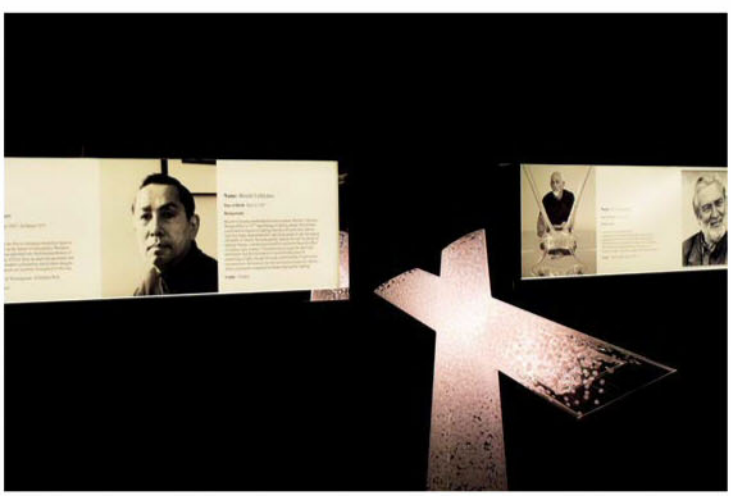
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ABOVE
The distinctive Artichoke lamps (pictured left), surrounded by infinity mirrors, make up the visual centrepiece of the room.

RIGHT
This space, located at the end of the showroom, will host lighting seminars, workshops, and talks by the designers of Louis Poulsen.

BOTTOM
Louise Campbell's Snow floor lamp lends a stylish touch to the displays depicting the brand's history.





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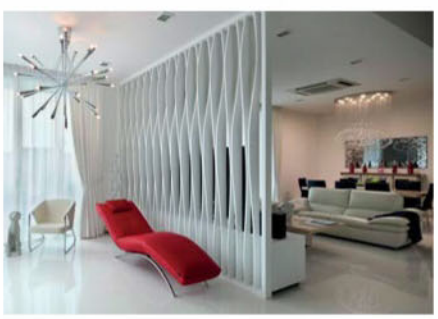












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New lifestyle decor boutique Maissone is the latest addition to the quiet neighbourhood of Tiong Bahru. Founded about a year ago by New Zealand-born Michelle Boyce, the business recently transitioned from a humble e-tailer into an 860sqf ground-floor shophouse space.

"We source objets d'art from far-flung corners of the world, items handmade with love by skilled artisans in their local villages," says Michelle, who has personally selected each item, from Swedish skincare products to Indonesian tableware and African furniture.

For instance, the petrified wood cheeseboards (from $45 to $155) from Indonesia are all one-of-a-kind pieces. Angela Sinclair, the shop's sales director, says of Michelle's picks: "She probably went through 200 of them before finding 10 that were good."

Maissone also carries New Zealand's Thread Design (exclusive to the shop here), which specialises in affordable bed linen. Made of pure cotton, its bed sheets (from $100), duvet covers (from $200) and pillowcases (from $40) sport geometric motifs and neutral hues.

Other popular picks available in this charming shop include Moroccan hand-stitched leather poufs ($249), which come in 11 colours, and feather juju hats (from $239 to $685) – African ritual headdresses that have been turned into wall-hung art pieces.

Though eclectic, the varied products come together to create a surprisingly coherent, contemporary space that radiates a relaxed vibe.





LEFT
The bedroom set features bedlinen from Thread Design, and feather juju hats on the wall.

ABOVE
A customer favourite are the rustic teak bowls (from $89).

RIGHT
The store also stocks candles and hand creams from Swedish skincare brand L:A Bruket.



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Besides the store's needs-centric services and design-savvy consultants at hand, there is a lounge (complete with vending machines), a kids' playroom and a private meeting room, located on the ground floor.

A stairwell takes you to the "outdoor"-themed second storey, which features a range of natural stone and wood-lookalike tiles. SBH also carries a variety of Asian and European tiles in many materials and styles, most of which are exclusive to the brand.

Among the bestsellers are the Peranakan-inspired, and faux honeycomb tiles from Spanish brand Realonda's Oxford series. For the bathroom, Fanal's unique hand-painted WD Secrets tiles – which resemble a cascade of water – offer a sense of calm.

Wall tiles cost between $3 and $7 per sqf, while floor tiles start from $2 per sqf. The tile megastore also offers installation and consultation services for domestic and commercial projects.





LEFT
In line with SBH's 21st anniversary this year, this outlet was given a modern makeover.

BOTTOM LEFT
Bestile's Ambient Modena wall tiles perk up this mock HDB bathroom.

BELOW
WD Secrets' hand-painted tiles by Fanal depict abstract splashes of water.

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TREND

Round and Round

Tastes in mirrors are changing. Circular ones are taking over the default square or rectangular shapes, which no doubt maximise wall space, but, well, don't really inspire.

"Subconsciously, a round mirror may make you feel safer, especially in a tight space. A curved mirror will also break the rigidity of a space and soften the look of the area," says Nathan Yong of Grafunkt. What's especially popular now are round mirrors hung from a strap – the original version was created by French interior designer Jacques Adnet, and was first made in collaboration with fashion house Hermes in 1950.



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Artisan Lighting

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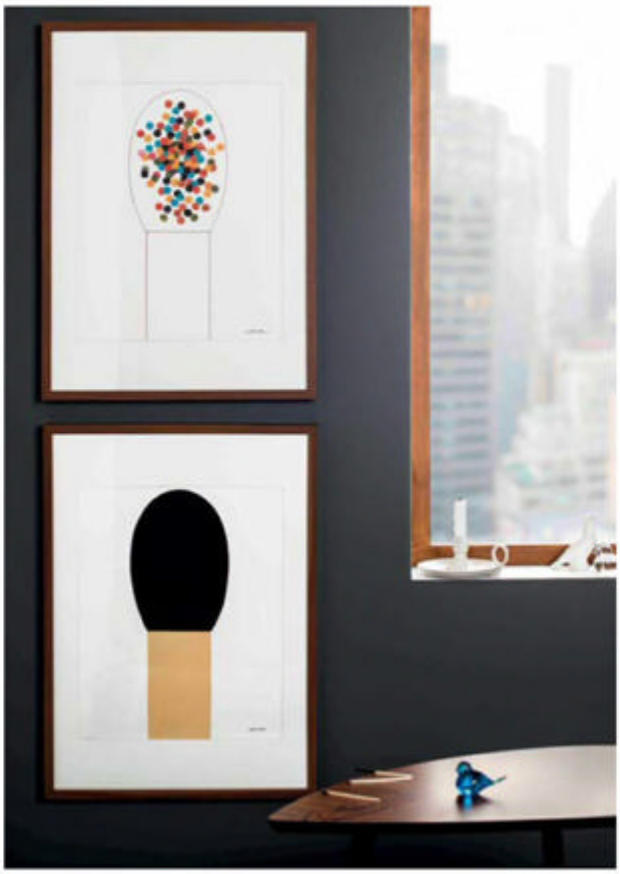

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Playful Graphics

If you love fun and whimsical illustrations, check out Ikea's new Onskedrom collection, designed in collaboration with Olle Eksell – one of Sweden's most prominent graphic designers. Everyday objects – such as coasters, bed linen, rugs and clocks – have been infused with light-heartedness and cheer through imaginative, playful prints.

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Kanarien

Located in Tiong Bahru, Kanarien offers soft furnishings and lighting from South Korea. The space – half of which is an architectural studio run by Korean architect Catherine Choo – is decked out in cool industrial, utilitarian decor. Find something for your home from the vast array of wallcoverings and fabrics. Plus, the trendy lamps come with affordable price tags!

KANARIEN IS AT #01-32, BLOCK 65 TIONG POH ROAD, TEL: 6536-1035, WWW.KANARIENSHOP.COM.



Hat Trick

Another ingenious work by superstar designer Philippe Starck, the Flos Chapeau (French for "hat") is not just a table lamp, but a functional hatstand! Inspired by the gesture of tossing a hat to land on a stand, the simple silver-tone base allows you to customise a lampshade with your choice of hat. The LED illumination is diffused according to the chosen "lampshade".

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An Enveloping Love

The newest addition to Minotti's Aston Cord outdoor collection is a 240cm-wide, 27cm-deep loveseat shaped like a cosy nest that embraces and envelops you. True to the Italian brand's high standard for quality, this chic design is made with a metal frame that's treated for long-lasting outdoor use, and plumped up with lumbar cushions encased in waterproof fabric.

DROP BY MINOTTI'S SHOWROOM AT 30 HILL STREET, #01-02, TEL: 6338-2822.



Power Cleaner

Packed with super-suction capabilities, the Powerbot VR9000 is Samsung's most powerful robotic vacuum cleaner yet – it has improved "vision" that reduces the tendency of missing blind spots. And if it does overlook a particular spot, you can guide the cleaner towards it with the Point Cleaning controller. This clever machine also has a new built-in feature that keeps dust away from the filter and greatly reduces the risk of clogging.

GET IT FOR $1,499 AT ALL MAJOR ELECTRICAL STORES.

OUR PICKS

Sideboards







1 Carl Hansen & Son CH825 credenza, $16,115, from Space.
2 1950s-1960s Danish teak sideboard by Vemb Mobelfabrik, $2,800, from Noden Collective.
3 Oliver B Loft sideboard, $2,299, from Harvey Norman.

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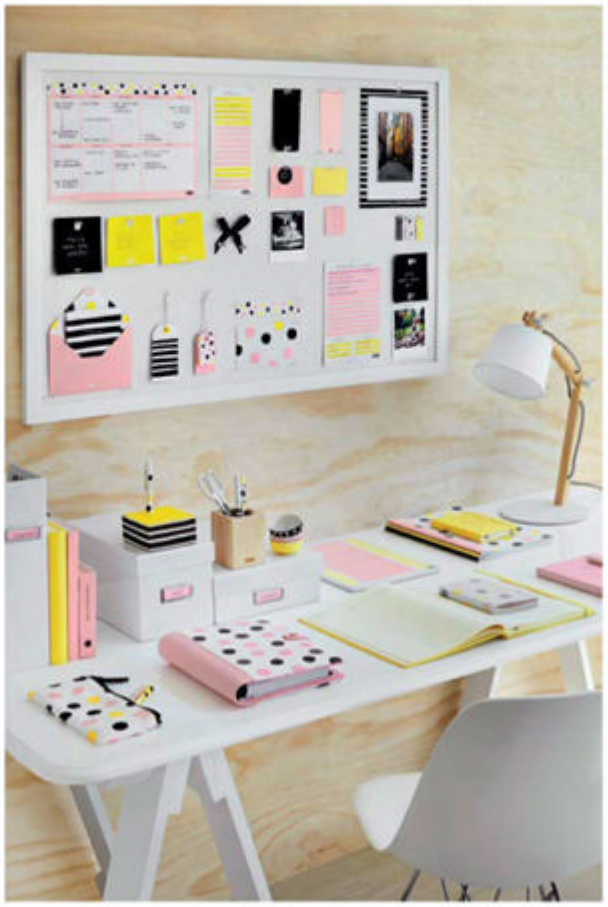




For the Go-Getter

Give your study desk a preppy makeover with Kikki.K's new collection, which comes in an invigorating palette inspired by a gung-ho motto: "Why not?" With crisp white and pastel pink next to bold neon yellow and jet black, the attractive stationery series – which includes a memo pad-cum-pen holder ($16.90) and planner pads (from $12.90) – makes you want to put things in order and get stuff done!

SEE THE COLLECTION AT B2-53 ION ORCHARD, TEL: 6509-3107.



Colourful and Compact

Japanese audio company Nakamachi is expanding its music line to include wireless speakers, such as the Music Cube mini wireless speaker ($99) and My Maiku microphone-shaped Bluetooth speaker ($89). Besides great audio quality, their bright bold colours also make them stand out!

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Warm Up To Wood

Check out three new furniture collections – Roadie, Atelier K and Brooklyn – by Mountain Teak, which were inspired by suitcases that travelling musicians use to transport instruments, as well as a nature-loving urban lifestyle.

THE COLLECTIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT MOUNTAIN TEAK, 315 OUTRAM ROAD, TEL: 6224-7176.



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With Love From Singapore

Give your foreign friends a piece of local culture, lifestyle and landscape, all of which have been translated into gifts such as totes, ceramic mugs and umbrellas. The collection by Now & Then, a label supported by the Design Council of Singapore, features architectural icons and elements such as the Gardens by the Bay Supertrees, Esplanade roof patterns and Peranakan shophouse tiles.

NOW & THEN IS AVAILABLE AT TANGS.

DIARY

50 Years of Singapore Design

Ongoing, Design Gallery 2, National Design Centre at 111 Middle Road

Walk through design works that have accompanied Singapore from its nation-building days of 1965 right up to this year. Featuring archive information, as well as artefacts and video clips, the exhibition is organised according to decades, and covers visual communication, product and industrial design, fashion and accessories, and environmental design. Items on display include the iconic Singapore Girl *sarong kebaya*, a yellow 1985 Philips radio designed in Singapore and the humble plastic *kopitiam* stool by Singa Plastics.

Affordable Art Fair

April 17-19, F1 Pit Building

In this Spring edition, look out for the fair's SG50 Feature Wall, which will showcase the specially commissioned works of 50 artists. Each piece is worth $500, half of which will be donated to Playeum, a non-profit creative centre for children.

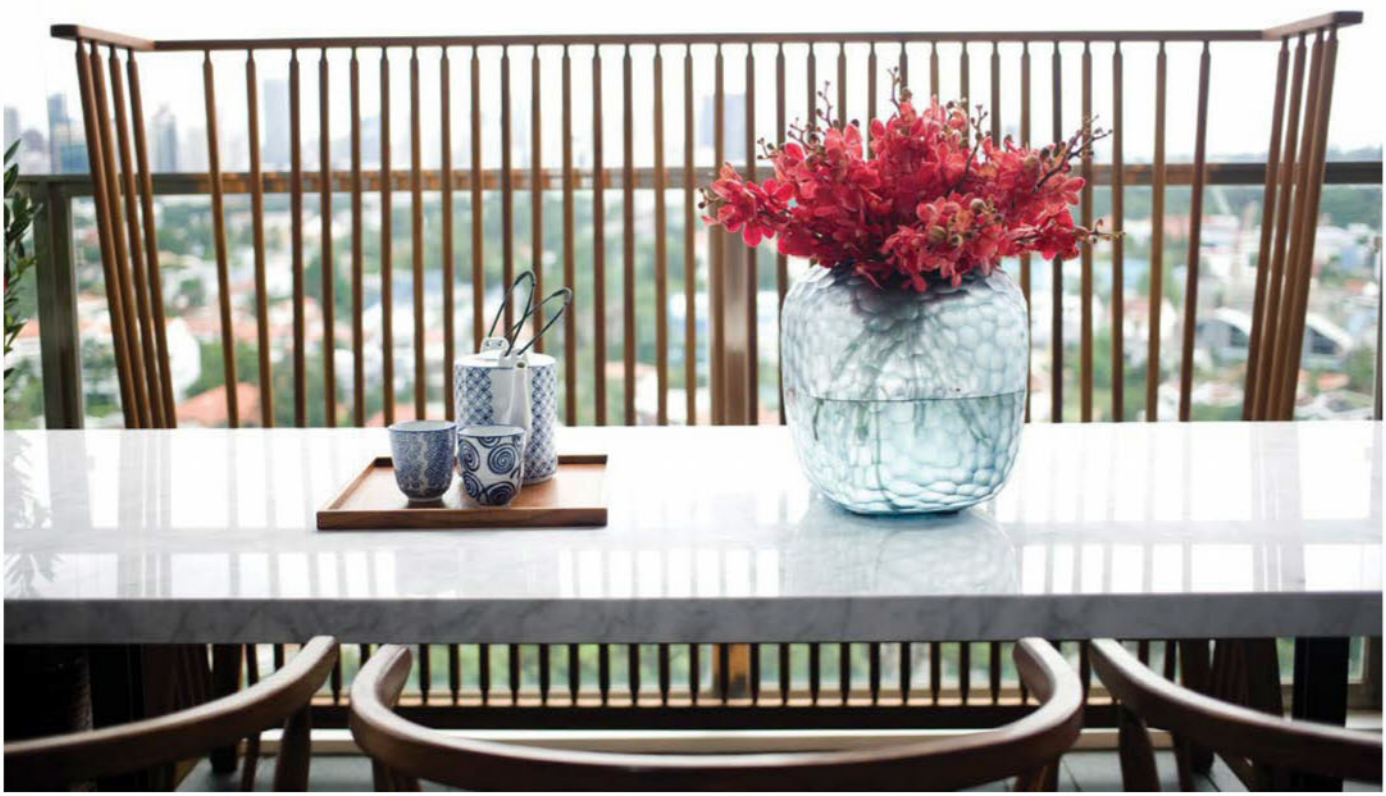
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TOP SHELF
Fillie vase, $29; Tall Ann vase, $15, and Fat Ann vase, $15, all from Galanga Living. Bottle (3-litre), $49, from Make Room. Combi tealight holder, $20, and Text vase, $25, both from Boconcept.

BOTTOM SHELF
Pharmacy jar, $39 (medium); $49 (large), and Poppy vase, $40, all from Galanga Living. Madam Stoltz garden shovel, $8, from Make Room. Aubergine vase, $19; ceramic vase, $69, and Origami T-light, $15, all from www.stylodeco.com. Glass cloche, $49, from Make Room.



FROM LEFT
White "weave" vase, $32, from www.stylodeco.com. Glass bulb vase, $89, and tree table, $189, both from Make Room. White ceramic vase, $129, and ceramic vase, $99, both from Commune.



FROM LEFT
Daisy vase, $70, from Boconcept. Black transparent bottle by Bloomingville, $98, and Origami T-light, $15, both from www.stylodeco.com. Clea vase, $69, from Galanga Living. Other items, stylist's own.



Grey ceramic vase, $99, from Commune. Glass carafe with handle, $134; glass cylinder lantern, $49, and teak stool, $299, all from Make Room. White bottle (2-litre), $59, from www.stylodeco.com.

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FROM TOP
Rustic Oiled acacia **paddle board**, $19. Le Creuset 23cm **round plate (set of two)**, $129. Le Creuset **salt and pepper mills**, $69. Citta Design fruity **tea towel**, $11. Garden Trading yellow enamel muscat **utensil holder**, $30. Jamie Oliver green and yellow terracotta **bowls (set of three)**, $34.90. Daitoa blue-striped **platter**, $29. Le Creuset red **cappuccino cup and saucer (set of two)**, $86. Citta Design medley **oven glove**, $34. Le Creuset silicone **pasta fork**, $36. Le Creuset Venus medium yellow **spatula**, $39. Le Creuset Marseille **oval terrine**, $139.



TIP!
Accessories can change the mood of your space. Refresh the look of a room with colourful accessories such as brightly patterned cushions. Pick bold colours to accent a room that has a pale, neutral palette, or pick soft shades for a more soothing colour scheme.

FROM LEFT
Citta Design Lotus **cushion cover**, $49. Citta Design Lotus Ink2 **cushion cover**, $49. Citta Design Home multi-coloured **cushion cover**, $49. Citta Design Ananas yellow-chequered **cushion cover**, $49. J. Rapee Frankie Oblong Zest **cushion**, $29. Citta Design criss-cross **bath sheet**, $65.



TIP!
Use home fragrances to enhance the mood of your space. Candles work best in larger rooms, essential oils with burners are suggested for medium-sized rooms, and gels are perfect for small, tight spaces.

FROM LEFT
Seletti **glass bell cover**, $69. Baobab Mini Max One Madagascar **vanilla-scented candle**, $39. Cire Trudon Ottoman **scented candle**, $119. Tom Dixon **scented candle** Royalty Medium, $120. Strange & Deranged **scented candle**, $118. ASA Selection **glass cover**, $89. Akar De Nissim No. 1 **travel candles (set of two)**, $80. Fornasetti Profumi Ortensia, **scented candle**, $250.

NEW IN STORE



FROM LEFT
House Doctor, **miniature chairs (set of three)**, $68. Dr Vranjes Maserati **fragrance diffuser**, from $248. Mr & Mrs Fragrance Ottelo **electronic fragrance diffuser**, from $299.

TIP!

Make your kitchen a happy and welcoming space with pops of colour! Plenty of kitchen gadgets and appliances now come in stunning hues aside from the usual stainless steel – did you know that the colour red also helps to stimulate the appetite?





FROM LEFT
DeLonghi Brillante 1.7-litre black **kettle**, $99. Kenwood 1.6-litre yellow **blender**, $179. Kenwood kMix green **kitchen machine**, $599. DeLonghi Brillante white **toaster**, $99.

FROM TOP
Luzerne Signature **dish**, $25.50. J. Rapee Splash **place mat,** $7. Jamie Oliver green and yellow terracotta **oil and vinegar drizzlers**, $35.90. Miyawo **ceramic kettle**, $139. Rustic oiled acacia long **cutting board**, $14. ASA Selection Chava wooden **coaster**, $15. Garden Trading fresh linen **glass mister**, $30.

TIP!
Keep your kitchen appliances in tip-top condition the natural way. Spritz vinegar onto the surface of your appliances and wipe dry to remove stains and spots. Polish stainless steel with a soft cloth and a dab of olive oil.

FROM TOP
Luzerne gold **show plate**, $99.50. ASA Selection J'adore gold-rimmed **dinner plate**, $59. ASA Selection J'adore white rimmed **bowl**, $45. Bormioli Rocco Cassiopea **glass**, $7. Chilewich gold dahlia round **place mat**, $15.80. Loveramics Flute white **dinner plate**, $15. Kilo large **oil can**, $30.



GREAT GADGET!

U.S. brand Vitamix introduces its Total Nutrition Center, a powerful blender that can chop, puree and refine thick, hardy ingredients with just a push of a button. The stainless-steel blades, controlled by the powerful two-peak horsepower motor can pulverise ingredients at speeds up to 386kmh. To complement the tough blades, the BPA-free shatter-proof container also comes with a spill-proof lid with a removable lid plug. Priced at $1,350.

WORK IN STYLE

A home office that inspires you will do wonders for your productivity. We put together four looks that will make you want to put in some overtime!



ON WALL
Kort city flowers **card** (set of five), $2.90, from Ikea.

ON TABLE
Antifoni **work lamp**, $69; Finansiell decoration **horse**, $19.90; Trilling butterflies **poster** (set of three); $19.90; Eketanga high-gloss black **frame**, $9.90; Bild Fjallsta **print with mount**, $25.90; Virserum white **frame**, $39.90; Ensidig clear glass **vase**, $4.90, all from Ikea. Hay wooden **rulers**, $14 each; Hay **spinning top**, $35; Hay **bookbinders book**, $14, all from Foundry.

DESK & CHAIR
Linnmon white **tabletop**, $39; Finnvard birch **trestles with shelves**, $50 each; Terje white **folding chair**, $29.90, all from Ikea.

Male by Hay **boxes** (set of five), $98, from Foundry.

Other items, stylist's own.

location IKEA TAMPINES

SCANDINAVIAN

With its carefree and unfussy aesthetics, this style relates to the Scandinavian landscape and climate. White is the main colour, which reflects as much of the region's limited daylight as possible. Ruled by functional design, key elements include blonde wood, simple shapes, and nature-inspired prints and illustrations. Try going almost monochrome, save for a subtle touch of colour.



1 Light Hang NM Oculo pendant lamp, $133.75, from Comfort Design. **2** Light Hang 0003 pendant lamp, $180.83, from Comfort Design. **3** Why Not A4 monthly planner pad, $12.90, from Kikki.K. **4** Why Not A4 essential notebook (set of three), $22.90, from Kikki.K. **5** Ayumi armchair, $255.73, from Comfort Design. **6** Cupertino desk, $1,345, from Boconcept. **7** Nest collection Yellow Fading Sun rug, $1,380, from Lush. **8** Spring Box Set C, $169, from Galanga Living. **9** Anglepoise 1227 lamp, $482, from Foundry.



location PROOF LIVING

OPPOSITE
Poltrona Frau Sangirolamo **bookcase**, $37,000; Eichholtz Nickel **globe**, $325; Eichholtz Brass **telescope**, $3,600; Poltrona Frau Downtown President **chair**, $8,000; Poltrona Frau C.E.O Cube **desk**, $37,000; Ralph Lauren Home Cale **chain-link object**, $90; Ralph Lauren Home Ayers **hourglass**, $350, all from Proof Living.



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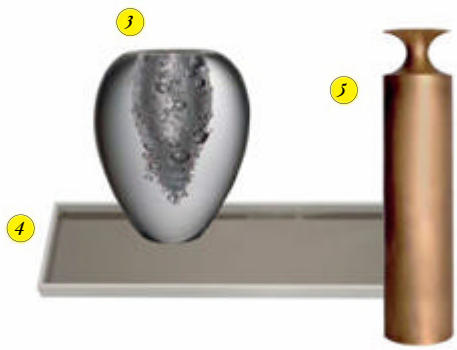
Polished and grown-up, strong lines and sleek forms give the contemporary-style study a powerful appeal. With this look, it is always smooth silhouettes over ornamentation, and solid colours rather than busy patterns. Key elements include linear forms, leather, and materials with a sheen (such as glass or stainless steel). Get a high-back ergonomic "throne" to complete the high-powered executive look.











1 Fusion wall-mounted shelving system, $4,445, from Boconcept. **2** Nomon Punto Y Coma wall clock, price unavailable, from XZQT. **3** Anna Torfs Bubbles vase, price unavailable, from Space. **4** Frato Lassa coffee tray, price unavailable, from Marquis. **5** Tom Dixon Beat tall vessel, $2,499, from Xtra. **6** Tom Dixon Bell table lamp, $1,605, from Xtra. **7** Desalto Helsinki table, from $2,525, from Xtra. **8** Duoflex Bravo BR-200M ergonomic chair, $1,599, from Ergoworks. **9** WMF Living lounge bowl, $199, from major department stores.



FROM TOP
Vintage teak **rack**, $315; antique Dutch colonial **table**, $2,215; Gerda Koerting 1960s Germany Modernist Scraffito Studio **vase**, $365; mixed media **artwork** by Kiwha Lee Blocman, price upon request; Geo Spiral **stool**, $375, all from The Flat. **Textile** used for tote bag, from E&A Interiors.

Other items, stylist's own.



RUSTIC

This look owes its charm to its unpretentious roots in nature. With it, you embrace the homemade and handmade – there's nothing fancy and shiny here. It's all about bringing out the beauty of humble materials through craftsmanship. Key elements include handmade decor, and organic materials such as wood, rattan, and unbleached fabrics. A wooden desk with spindle legs is a must-have!

















1 House Doctor ornamental birds, $12 each, from Journey East. **2** Madam Stoltz wooden ladder rack, $199, from Make Room. **3** Botanical bulb with stem on white paper print, $700 (framed), from Bungalow 55. **4** Laleh birdcage, $65, from Galanga Living. **5** House Doctor Layers vase, $37, from Journey East. **6** Koreen Jute ball with round box and scissors, $35, from Galanga Living. **7** Mooi Two-tops Secretary desk, $5,465, from Space. **8** Hand-knitted cotton rug, $199, from Make Room. **9** House Doctor graphic basket (set of three sizes), $125, from Journey East. **10** Punja rattan box with leather straps, $399, from Galanga Living. **11** Sika Design Rossini rattan dining chair, $390, from Dreamweave & Other Stories.



FROM LEFT
Naver Collection solid walnut with Corian **cabinet**, $3,358, from Danish Design. Vintage black **telephone**, $180; small **globe**, $8, both from By My Old School. Naver Collection solid walnut with Corian **desk**, $5,346, from Danish Design. Vintage **typewriter** $250, from By My Old School. Lemnos Muku dark wood **clock**, $96; Ernest Goh Photography **print** with Diasec treatment, $290, both from Foundry. Gubi 5 walnut **chair**, $908; Massimo bubbles **rug** (170cm by 240cm), $1,825, both from Danish Design.

Other items, stylist's own.

location DANISH DEISGN



MID-CENTURY MODERN

Graceful proportions and understated elegance makes this style modern, yet classic. Beginning in the mid-20th century, this style was born from design masters such as Charles and Ray Eames, George Nelson and Hans Wegner. Key elements include wood (lots of it!), pencil-leg furniture and simple graphic patterns. Top it off with analogue accessories, such as a typewriter and a rotary dial phone.















1 Vitra Starburst clock, from $540, from Space. **2** Swedish teak bookshelf, $2,100, from Noden Collective. **3** Fritz Hansen Drop chair, $564, from W. Atelier. **4** Abstract figure painting, $78 (framed), from Lush. **5** Linie Design Refined wool carpet, from $1,580, from The Bear Knows. **6** Vintage Collection wooden desk, from $1,398, from Mountain Teak. **7** Modernica Cigar Lotus table bubble lamp, $740, from Pomelo. **8** Architect Made birds, from $105 each, from Space. **9** Jonathan Adler Multi Puzzle Bargello throw cushion, $416, from The Design Store by Lifestorey.

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WORKING CULTURE

Somewhere between a casual personal workspace and a corporate office, co-working spaces provide a creative, conducive environment for entrepreneurs. We spotlight three of the best-looking ones in town.



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THE REFINERY

Style: Minimalist-industrial
Designed by: Architology and The General Company – both run the place together.
Design features: Spacious, open-plan layout with high ceilings and lots of natural light. There is also a casual restaurant and a bar on the floors below.
Open since: December 2014
Size: About 2,000sqf
Capacity: 16 to 18 people
Pricing: From $450 per month for basic work tables, with a one-year minimum lease.



photo THE REFINERY

Appealing to designers, makers and craftsmen involved in small-batch creation, The Refinery is clad in understated utilitarian aesthetics, including exposed steel beams and ducting, concrete walls and metal mesh display shelving. This is because "the tenants have to get dirty with sawing, hammering, knocking and drilling, as well as handling unique materials," explains Colin Chen, creative director of The General Company.

Besides the fuss-free look, the space provides traditional equipment rather than "fancy high-tech machinery", so that tenants can get back to basics and work more with their hands.

The Refinery is at #01-02, 115 King George's Avenue, tel: 6293-0461.

What are co-working spaces?

Full of like-minded people, more budget-friendly and way cooler than the average office, co-working spaces house various independent start-up companies and individuals looking to strike out on their own.

Such spaces allow small groups to come together and work in a distraction-free setting, and it also offer freelancing individuals a more social alternative to the isolation of working at home.

And it's not just about the location – another big draw is the community it brings together. Essentially, a co-working space provides a collective working environment where people can network and share ideas, as well as collaborate on projects.

What makes up such a space?

Each party pays a basic rent every month for a dedicated workspace to run their business.

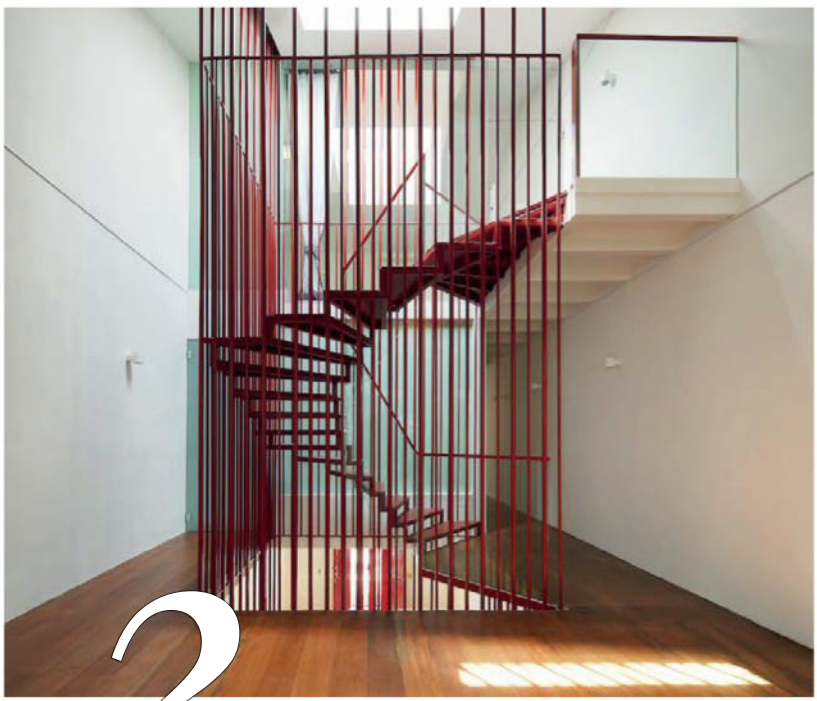
The space must be comfortably and reasonably sized such that people don't feel "trapped", says Carmen Tang, founder of co-working space Work For Food.

Desks, rooms for teams, meeting areas, common areas for tenants to socialise, and space to hold community events are available at hand, as well as general facilities and equipment.

When it comes to the area's look and feel, however, different co-working spaces are designed with varying communities in mind.









photos 13

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13

Style: Contemporary and art-inspired
Designed by: Hyla Architects
Design features: Two bold red spiral staircases – one sits above a reflecting pool in the central light well that connects the conserved shophouse to a new four-storey extension.
Open since: February 2014
Size: 4,500sqf
Capacity: 28 people, excluding six residents
Pricing: From $350 per month for a desk, or $1,000 per month for the attic (workspace for four), with a six-month minimum lease.

13 isn't just a co-working space, but a co-living space, too. Originally designed for artists and exhibitions, it was awarded the Architectural Heritage Award in 2013. "When we took over, we wanted to make use of its creative vibe," says Darius Cheung, CEO of 99.co, the company behind 13. It comprises three bedrooms, living areas, a kitchen, and working spaces. Entrepreneurs from all over the world form the mix of tenants specialising in furniture design, web design, engineering and film-making, and more.

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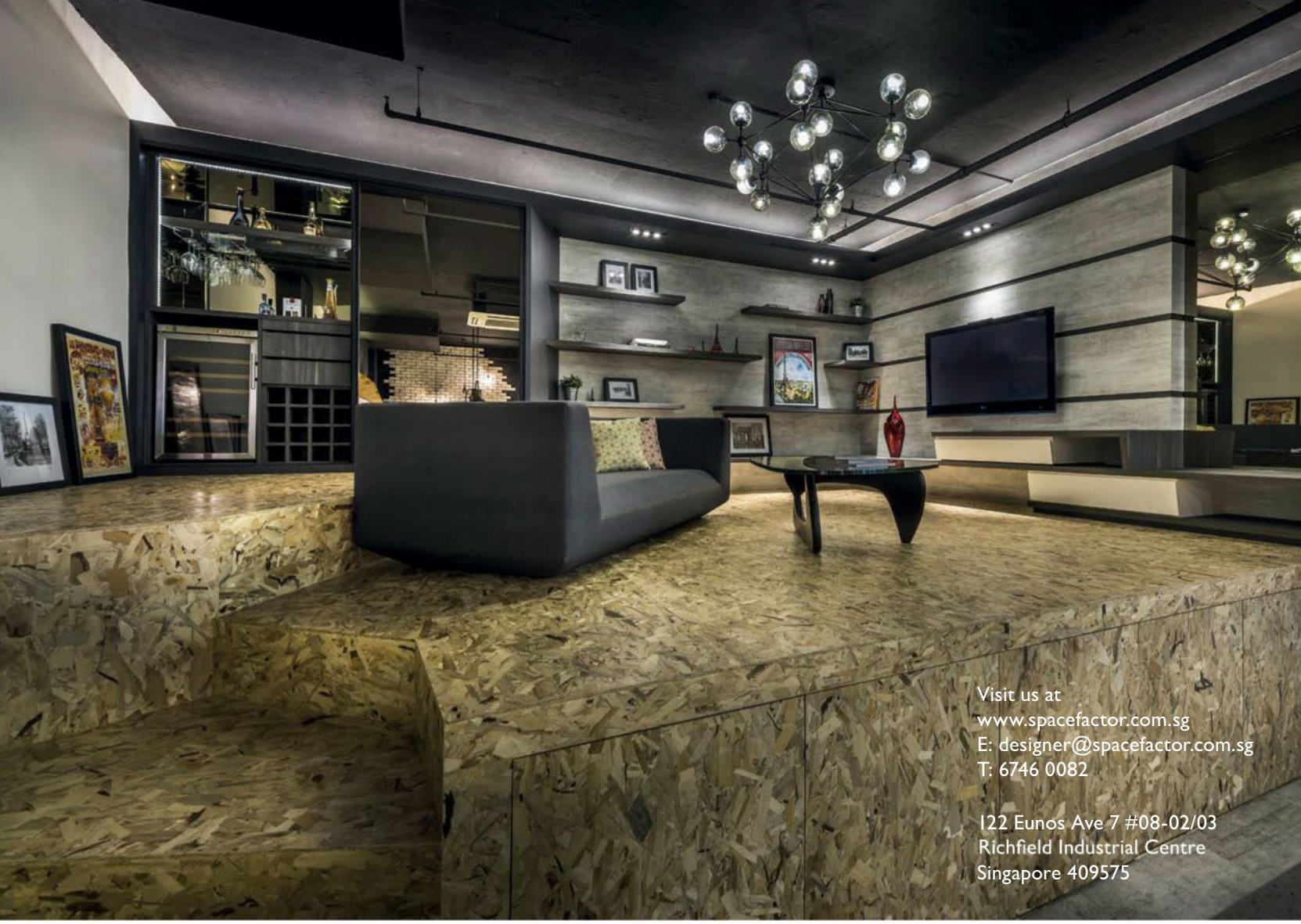
WORK FOR FOOD

Style: Fun and whimsical
Designed by: Carmen Tang of Wolf Woof
Design features: A French-Japanese cafe setting, with themed rooms – the Coffee Room, Bakery Room and Ice Cream Room.
Open since: March 2015
Size: About 1,300sqf
Capacity: 10 people
Pricing: About $350 per month for a desk, or from $800 per month for a room, with a two-year minimum lease.

Quirky and casual, Work For Food looks more like a cafe than an office! "I am always on the lookout for cool cafes to relax in while brainstorming ideas," says Carmen on its concept. With custom-made awnings, the foyer resembles a cafe entrance, while wooden crates and pallets decorate the main studio. The themed rooms feature personalised decals for a cheeky touch. Apart from Carmen's three companies, Work For Food also houses other small firms from various industries.

Work For Food is at #08-74 Midview City, 22 Sin Ming Lane, tel: 9842-1730.

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PETITE PLEASURES

You don't need a large space to house luxurious furnishings. Explore the range of stylish yet space-friendly options found at Millenia Walk.

As homes here get smaller, the range of petite, yet stylish furnishings gets wider. Renowned brands are stepping away from hard-to-fit dimensions and moving towards elegant, space-friendly furnishings that will bring a luxurious touch to any home.

Find such stylish products from Commune, Dreamweave and Other Stories, Grafunkt, Howards Storage World, and Ligne Roset, all conveniently located at Millenia Walk. Each well-crafted piece from these establishments comes designed with small spaces in mind.

SHOP PROFILE

Local brand Commune creates and curates furniture pieces that centre around the brand's trademark of elegance. Its philosophy celebrates quiet modernity, brought to life by a collection of pieces that marry function and form with intelligent craftsmanship.

Commune is located at #02-51, tel: 6338-3823, www.thecommunelife.com.

BELOW
Bowen writing desk, $1,099; Kendra chair, $339; Estelle end table, $299, from Commune.

BOTTOM LEFT
Dualtone TV sideboard, $1,699, from Commune.





To increase visual space, opt for clean-lined furniture pieces with long, tapered legs – commonly found in Mid-Century Modern pieces.

Julian Koh, Commune





Small spaces don't just mean small furniture. Instead, focus on fewer well-designed key items, choosing their sizes based on your needs. Then, reduce the number of small accent furniture to prevent clutter.

Nathan Yong, Grafunkt

TOP
Nomade Express sofa bed, price to be advised, from Ligne Roset.

TOP RIGHT
Nubo shelf/ desk, price to be advised, from Ligne Roset.

RIGHT
Studio Grafunkt Cornerblock shelf, $1,712, from Grafunkt.

BELOW
Folks Primary desk, $2,648, from Grafunkt.

SHOP PROFILE

French brand Ligne Roset offers pieces that allow homeowners to live both boldly and beautifully. Known for its collaborations with established as well as up-and-coming designers, several of its pieces are on display at the Danish Museum of Art and Design.

Ligne Roset, coming soon to Millenia Walk, tel: 6336-6046, www.ligne-roset.com.

SHOP PROFILE

Helmed by Jefery Kurniadidjaja and celebrated local designer Nathan Yong, Grafunkt carries Folks, its own label, as well as other international brands that align with its design philosophy. The founders believe that life is better when you're surrounded by good design, and strive to deliver high-quality pieces that are contemporary, creative and functional.

Grafunkt is located at #02-34, tel: 6336-6046, www.grafunkt.com.







LEFT
Rossini chairs, $390 each, from Dreamweave & Other Stories.

BELOW
Simone stools, $280 for small, $320 for counter, from Dreamweave & Other Stories.

FAR LEFT
Roger stool, $260, from Dreamweave & Other Stories.

SHOP PROFILE

Dreamweave & Other Stories is a lifestyle concept store that offers furnishings and accessories for fashion and the home. The store carries furnishing brands that place a high emphasis on craftsmanship, such as Sika Design, known for its heritage rattan furniture, and Tine K Home, which offers accessories such as cushions, rugs and tableware.

Dreamweave & Other Stories is located at #01-34, tel: 6333-1669, www.dreamweaveconcepts.com.





Stools, ottomans and slim chairs fit nicely into small homes. These pieces, especially when made of light materials such as rattan, can be rearranged easily, tucked out of sight when needed, and pulled out for guests during dinner parties.

Colin Banning, Dreamweave & Other Stories



ABOVE
Nanna Ditzel Hanging Egg chair made of rattan or synthetic fibre, $2,990; additional stand, $1,490, from Dreamweave & Other Stories.

RIGHT
Viggo Boesen Fox chairs, $1,290 for rattan, $1,690 for aluminium, from Dreamweave & Other Stories.

FAR RIGHT
Franco ottomans, $690 for small, $790 for large, from Dreamweave & Other Stories.





Find creative ways to store and organise your belongings. Modular shelving systems, stackable drawers and multi-tier hangers make use of rarely utilised vertical space.

Adeline Poh, Howards Storage World







FAR LEFT
Four-tier shirt hanger, from $10.95, from Howards Storage World.

LEFT
Over toilet storage rack, $114, from Howards Storage World.

BELOW
Bamboo stackable shelf helpers, $31.95 for small, $35.95 for large, from Howards Storage World.

BOTTOM LEFT
Clear store organisers, from $15.95, from Howards Storage World.



SHOP PROFILE

Howards Storage World specialises in storage and organisation – its products are all designed to help tidy, sort and cut clutter from the home. Here, you'll find high-quality, innovative pieces, from customisable shelving systems to mirrors, bins, and kitchen and bathroom organisers.

Howards Storage World is located at #02-19, tel: 6338-8550, www.hsw.com.sg.

Millenia Walk is also home to other premium brands for furniture, home electronics and appliances. The selection of retail offerings in the shopping mall was specially curated for each brands' commitment to craftsmanship, performance and style.

Directory

- Commune, #02-51
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20 WAYS TO COOK HEALTHIER MEALS

Want to begin eating healthier? Start at home. It's where you can have full control over what you put on your plate. And with these kitchen tools and healthy cooking tips on hand, you'll be whipping up healthier, tastier meals in no time!



1 CHOP CHOP!

If you've got a big family to feed, Electrolux's Masterpiece food processor with a 2000W induction motor is the strong, silent workhorse for you. Its 4.2-litre tilt bowl and large 15cm-wide feeding chute will help you prepare large batches of ingredients quickly.

Available for $959 at major electrical and department stores.



2 COOKING UNDER PRESSURE

The latest models in line for Silit's pressure cookers feature the handy Sicomatic econtrol, which enables you to choose between unpressurised cooking (steaming), gentle cooking (which preserves the vitamins and minerals of fish or vegetables), or fast cooking (for meats and stews that take longer to prepare). The nickel-free Silargan ceramic that it's made of ensures that the natural flavours of the ingredients remain unadulterated.

Available from $259 at BHG Bugis, Isetan Scotts, Metro Centrepoint, Robinsons The Heeren, Takashimaya D.S., and Tangs Orchard.

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"Not all processed food is bad. Wholegrain pasta, frozen fruit and vegetables are just some examples. Read the label and skip processed food made with high sugar, fat or sodium. Go for 100 per cent wholegrain items and fresh produce with as little additives as possible – if you want more sugar or salt, add it yourself later."

– Nutritionist Christine Rubi-Cruz, wellness and lifestyle manager at Cold Storage Singapore



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"Olive oil, which contains monounsaturated fat that can reduce the risk of chronic heart disease and cancer, will always be my first choice for cooking oil. Use extra virgin olive oil (the first pressing of the olives) for salads and finishing touches – never heat it! For cooking, use normal olive oil (from the second to fourth pressing)."

– Stephan Ziosl,
chef and owner of 2015L,
a food consultancy

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FOR THE LAZY COOK

It only takes a spoonful (20ml) of oil to prepare stir-fried and gravy-based dishes in Tefal Actifry's ceramic coated pan, which cooks at a controlled temperature of 170 deg C to preserve the nutritional value of food. Throw in all your ingredients, set the timer for the appropriate cooking time and let its automatic stirring paddle do all the work!

Available for $359 at Metro, #02-28 Paragon, tel: 6835-3322.



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TREAT YOURSELF

Whip up guilt-free, all-natural desserts at home with the Severin yogurt maker! All you need is yogurt starter and milk. After preparing the mixture, pour it into any of the seven jars, and incubate the mix between seven and 10 hours (depending on the type of milk used). For flavoured yogurt, add pureed fruit. When it's done, refrigerate it, add toppings such as fruit and granola, and indulge yourself!

Available for $59 at Harvey Norman, #02-56 to 62 Millena Walk, tel: 6311-9988.

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EASY NOODLES

Get the most natural flavours at home by preparing your own noodles! Enlist the help of Philips Avance Collection's noodle-maker, which kneads and extrudes the raw ingredients, producing homemade noodles within 10 minutes. You can customise the noodles' shape and bounciness by changing the shaping discs and kneading time.

Available for $289 at Metro, #02-28 Paragon, tel: 6835-3322.



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HOMEMADE TAKEAWAY

Swop your morning coffee for a refreshing smoothie instead. With Cuisinart's Smartpower portable blending and chopping system, you can blend fruit in its slim jar, and take it with you on the road by switching the blades to an on-the-go travel cap.

Available for $360 at Tott, 896 Dunearn Road, tel: 6219-7077.

WHOLESOME COOKING

For an appliance that you can depend on to prepare all your healthy meals, fit your kitchen with Brandt's built-in steam oven. Its 29-litre volume is able to fit dishes large enough to feed a whole family, and an electronic touchscreen control panel and LCD animated display adds to its sleek, modern appeal.

Available for $1,799 at all authorised dealers.



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"Use olive oil instead of butter. Butter contains a higher percentage of not-so-healthy saturated fats and cholesterol compared to olive oil, which is rich in antioxidants."

– Daniele Sperindio, chef of Open Door Policy

"Ingredients play a very important part in healthy cooking, sometimes even more so than cooking methods. Use herbs, vegetables and fruit to help enhance the flavours of dishes. For example, sometimes, we cook a slow-braised beef cheek (a healthier cut) with lotus root and wolfberries and, on other days, we whip up pan-fried salmon with passion fruit glaze."

– Martin Wong, head chef of Tess Bar & Kitchen

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BIG MOUTH

Masticating (cold press) juicers are said to help retain the enzymes and nutrients of fruit and vegetables as they use a pressing mechanism as opposed to a fast-spinning blade in centrifugal juicers. The Kuvings B6000S slow juicer has a 7.5cm-wide feeding tube, which reduces prep time as you can drop whole fruit through it!

Available at Harvey Norman, #02-56 to 62 Millena Walk, tel: 6311-9988.



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SOUP UP

Skip the stove with the Delice soup maker by Mayer, which is able to blend and heat up your ingredients simultaneously. You can choose from its high, low, or simmer heat settings when preparing soups, and they'll be kept warm automatically for up to 40 minutes so you don't have to pop your soup into the microwave if you decide to have second helpings.

Available for $96.90 at www.lazada.sg.

"Organic vegetables are not necessarily more nutritious than non-organic crops. Even today, some experts say there isn't enough evidence to prove any real advantage of eating organic food, apart from avoiding the traces of pesticides or herbicides found on non-organic vegetables."

– Vijayakant Shanmugam, executive chef for Parkroyal on Pickering



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ALWAYS HANDY

Blend, whisk and chop like a cooking-show host with the two-speed Smart Stick hand blender from Cuisinart. This nifty gadget is a must-have if you enjoy making soups, as you can use it to puree ingredients directly in the pot, eliminating the need for a blender.

Available for $193 at Crate & Barrel, Orchard Gateway @ Emerald, tel: 6634-8488.



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"Don't rule out canned food. Fresh produce can suffer the loss of variable nutrients due to exposure to oxidation during transport. On the other hand, canned products are sealed at their optimum freshness and nutrition, locking in the vitamins and minerals."

– Sharina Nogot, senior nutritionist of Mykenzen

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"Use less oil, and good-quality oil if you do. Avoid canola oil because it's mostly genetically modified, and use grapeseed oil for frying as it's one of the most neutral and healthy oils for cooking."

– Johnston Teo, executive chef of Sorrel

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STEAMY DELIGHTS

A modern take on the traditional Chinese bamboo basket steamer, Tupperware's two-tiered Steam It is a more hygienic option, and is less likely to cause soggy food as it has a ridged base that allows water to drain efficiently.

Available for $24.90 at #01-00, Tupperware Brands Singapore, 85 Defu Lane 10, tel: 6285-3988.



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GET A GOOD GRIDDLING

With its reversible plates, the Cuisinart griddler can easily be turned into a grill, allowing you to prepare everything from eggs to steaks. When closed, its hinged floating cover that adapts to various heights of your food transforms this flexible appliance into a Panini press. You'll also be delighted to ksnow that excess grease can be drained easily from its plates!

Available for $499 at Crate & Barrel, Orchard Gateway @ Emerald, tel: 6634-8488.

"Choose simple and healthier cooking methods. Steaming often ensures that the nutrients of the ingredients used are kept intact, which optimises their true nutritional value. Such dishes can be further enhanced with simple spices like ginger, coriander, lemon and lime. I always try to keep my dishes uncomplicated to highlight the freshness of the ingredients."

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– Paul Hallett, chef de cuisine of Equinox Restaurant, Swissotel The Stamford

Get three recipes for a delicious and healthy meal in our digital edition. Turn to page 18 for how to download.

WHERE TO SHOP FOR HEALTHY INGREDIENTS

Wellness4Life section at Cold Storage

Take a walk down the healthy aisle at the Wellness4Life section housed under selected Cold Storage outlets, and find products that are allergy-aware, gluten-free, and low glycaemic (diabetic-friendly), to help you make better grocery-shopping choices.

www.coldstorage.com.sg

Kranji Countryside Farmers' Market

Embark on a day trip to the outskirts of Singapore to find fresh fruit, vegetables and seafood from local farms, as well as locally made food at this authentic quarterly farmers' market.

www.facebook.com/FarmersMarketSG

Organic Himalaya

Have fresh organic fruit and vegetables harvested in the Himalayas delivered to your home through this locally run boutique business. Grown in unpolluted Nepali farms, the produce are free of pesticides and chemical fertilisers.

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AT EASE

This home's minimalist appearance belies the amount of thought and planning that went into designing it.

WHO
A family of four

HOME
A three-level, four-bedroom terrace house in Upper Serangoon

SIZE
3,500sqf



RIGHT
The clean-lined front porch and see-through facade of this terrace house sets the tone for its light, minimalist interiors.


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Quiet and graceful, yet undeniably striking, interior designer Jay Ang's style is easy to recognise. He lent his creative vision to the home of Mr Lee and his family a decade ago under his design firm, J + A Design, and they fell so in love with its design that they decided to reach out to him again when it was time for a revamp.

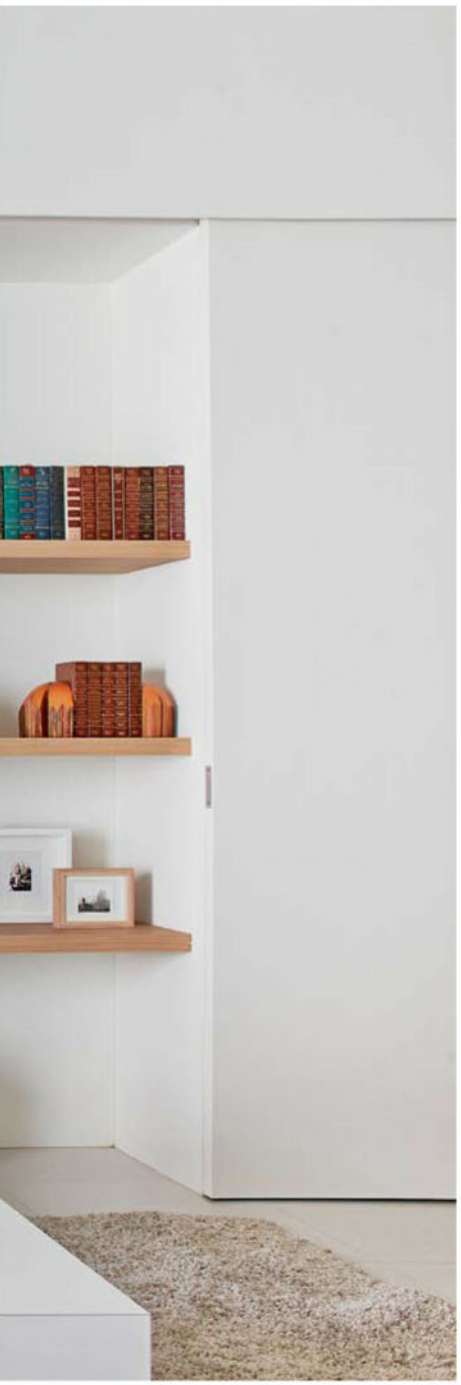
"One thing that we learnt from the first project is to trust Jay!" Mr Lee jovially remarks. And the designer couldn't be happier to work with the family again, who understood his ideas and gave him free rein for this latest update.

When it comes to transforming a large space into a serene yet cosy dwelling, Jay reveals that it all boils down to space planning that's well thought out, which allows the home's design to breathe, and imbuing the interiors with lots of natural light and soothing hues.

Planning the space

"The house must start with a good skeleton. This way, the place can still shine with just a few pieces of furniture. It's like a person... if you're beautiful, you can wear anything and still look good!" Jay explains.

This approach meant that he had to spend a lot of time mulling over the layout of each floor, thinking about how to solve practical problems such as storage and accessibility, and create clean-looking spaces at the same time.





LEFT
A crisp spot of green breaks up the all-white monotony.

BELOW
While most terrace houses suffer from dim lighting, this home is brightened up by large glass doors at the front and back entrance, as well as a light well in the middle.

OPPOSITE
The living room's white palette may be more difficult to maintain than other colour schemes, but it suits this tidy family perfectly.







See photos of the daughter's charming white bedroom in our digital edition. Turn to page 18 for how to download.

LEFT
The master bedroom on the second storey has a glass-panelled study nook that allows natural light to filter in from the facade and in to the stair well.

BELOW
Many of the storage components in the couple's bedroom are tucked away, resulting in a visually quiet space that encourages rest.

OPPOSITE
For an uncluttered appearance, the designer built large cabinets in the kitchen, but allowed them to recede into the background.

The result is a home that incorporates many hide-and-seek elements, including a domestic helper's room that's camouflaged by a sliding panel in the dining area, and a study area that's tucked in a nook in the master bedroom.

With everything either "smoothed out or boxed up", Jay created a flawless foundation to continue working his magic into the space.

Designed Elements

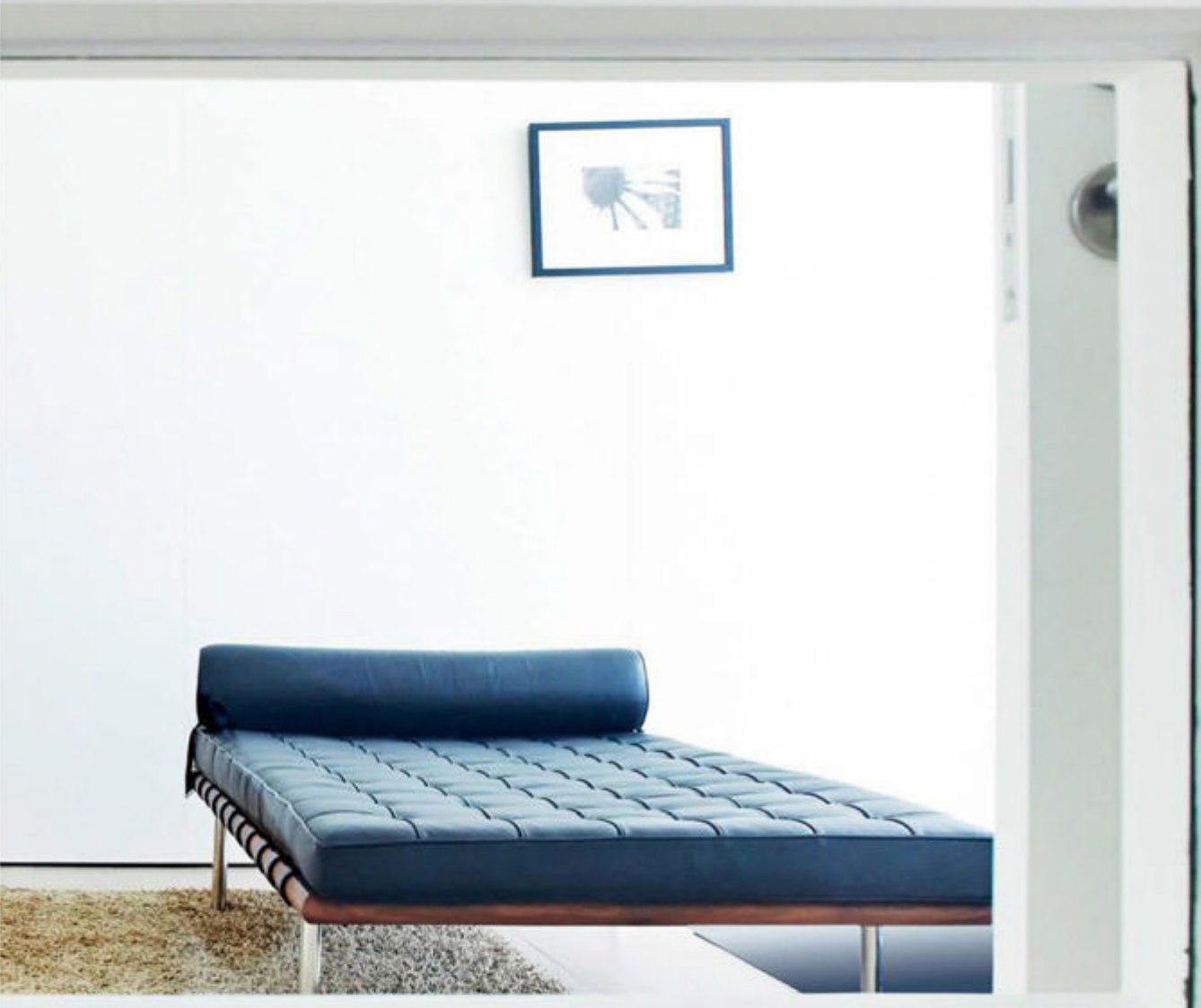
While a home has to be practical, its design doesn't just have to be about maximising usable space. As this tranquil abode proves, it is necessary to design elements that help the space "breathe" better.

For example, instead of having the living room on the ground floor stretch all the way into the kitchen, Jay broke up the open-plan space with a minimalist garden positioned at the bottom of the air well to enhance the overall sense of spaciousness.

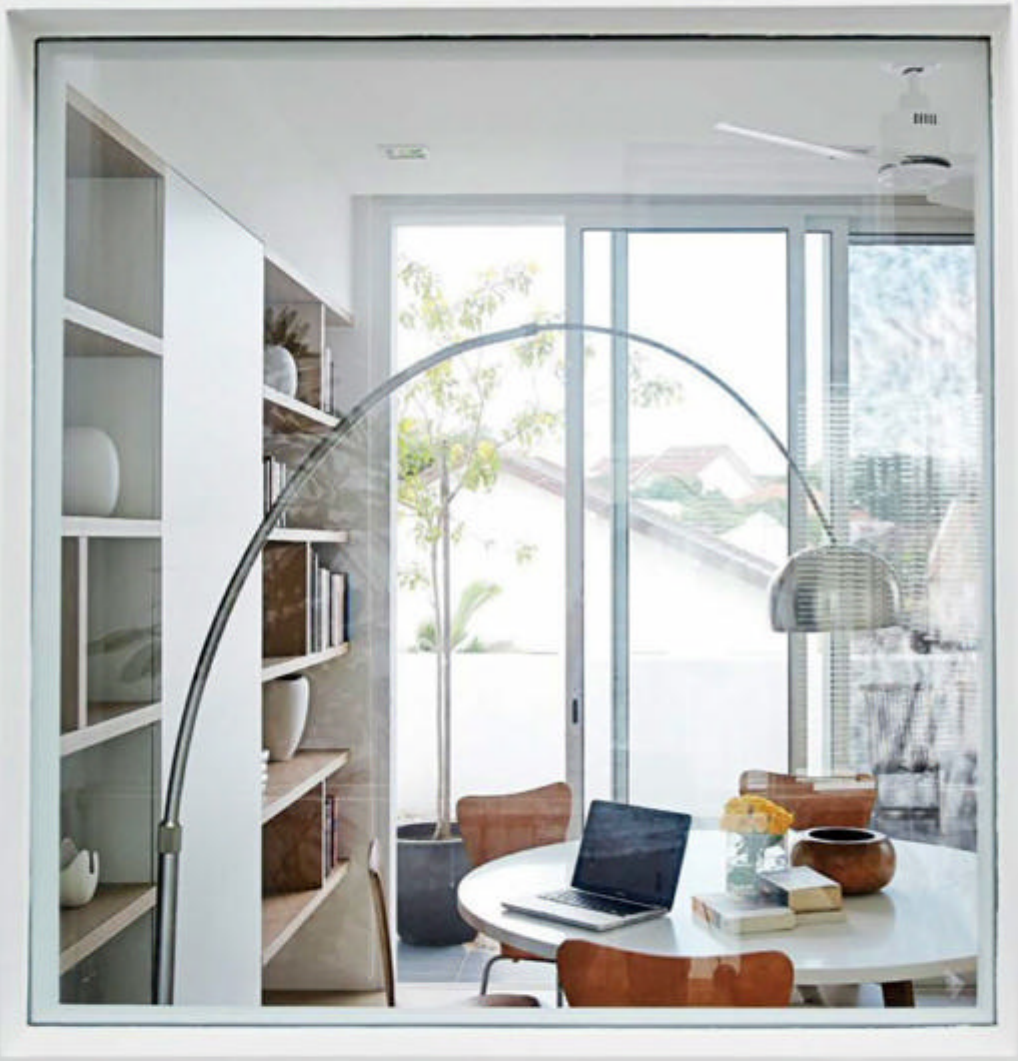
Seemingly minor yet crucial features, such as the creation of a small reading alcove and the square glass panel opposite it (both near the skylight on the third storey), also add to the large home's sense of lightness and cosiness.







On the third floor is a private living room that's fitted with a downsized, but fully functional, kitchen.



LEFT &
OPPOSITE
To the uninitiated, elements such as the glass panel and reading nook near the skylight may seem redundant, but Jay emphasises that it's these little design details that complete the look and feel of a space.



Light and Colour

With the structural design in order, natural light pours into every corner of this property. This was made possible by incorporating glass panels into the facade and back entrance, as well as the staircase and air well.

For a restful ambience, Jay implemented a mostly white colour scheme, complemented with earthy hues. "I prefer basic yet timeless interiors," he explains. And to those who assume that it doesn't take much to achieve a minimalist look, he says: "The less you have, and the more streamlined your design, the more important it is for everything to be perfect, as workmanship flaws become extremely obvious."

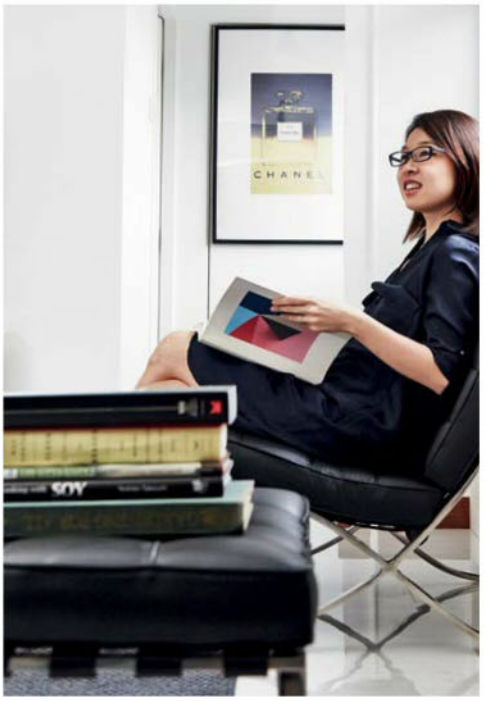
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A PERSONAL TOUCH

For this homeowner, having too many furniture pieces and accessories didn't affect the look of her home – in fact, it made it better!

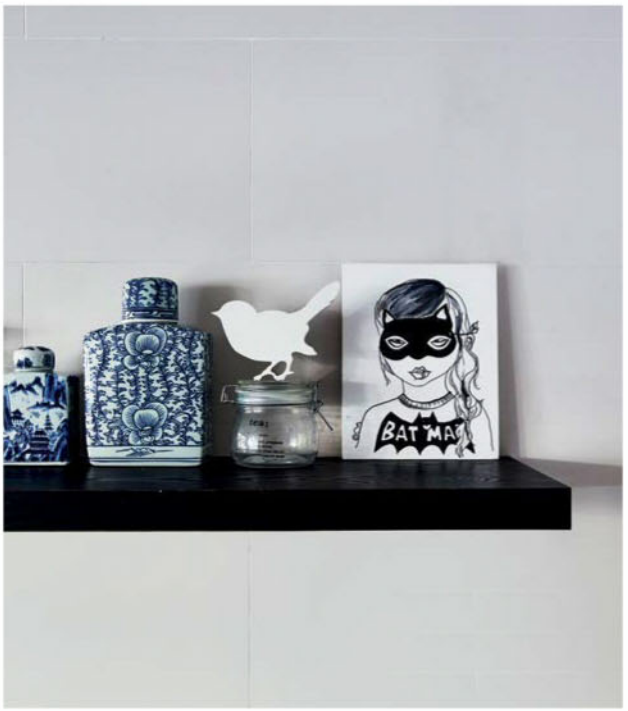
WHO
A young couple, the husband's mother and their three cats

HOME
Four-room HDB flat at Farrer Road

SIZE
980sqf

LEFT
Made by Priscilla's father's furniture company, the wooden bench has an adjustable backrest. Flanking the kitchen access, custom-made shelves allow her favourite books to be displayed.




BAT MA







ABOVE
Wooden "tiles" made of tree stumps cut crosswise make the foyer area look warm and cosy.

(OPPOSITE)
TOP LEFT
The open-concept kitchen is ideal for the couple who run a private home kitchen and entertain often.

BOTTOM LEFT
In the living room, a large canvas painted by Priscilla cleverly conceals the TV set.

TOP RIGHT
On a kitchen shelf, a caricature portrait sits with porcelain vessels.

BOTTOM RIGHT
Dried flowers add volume, texture and colour to the prep space.

If a home reflects the homeowner's personality, it's obvious at first glance that homeowners Roland Ng and Priscilla Tan are both fun and creative folks.

Their flat's design not only defies a single, fixed theme, but it also features a spectrum of colours and textures, as well as a fascinating mix of furniture pieces. Unique decor accessories enhance the charming and kooky appeal of the interiors.

"It shows a mishmash of our personalities, but I'm the one who curates everything on display," says Priscilla. It comes as no surprise, then, when the creative 29-year old shares that she's a fashion consultant, jewellery designer, as well as an artist! The couple also run a private home kitchen called Mr. And Mrs. Vegan, which sees them hosting dinners frequently.

Priscilla tells us how their wonderland of a home came about.

What was the state of this flat when you first saw it?
It looked like something out of the 1980s! It was dilapidated and outdated. The flooring, walls and even pipes were in poor condition.

Why did you decide on this place?
We chose it for its unique layout. When you step in, there's nothing in the front blocking you, and there's also a cosy nook beside the entrance.

Of course, the location is great, too. There are also sentimental reasons – Roland's family used to live in the now demolished Farrer Court, which was nearby.

Describe your style.
I really don't know what my style is! I'm not trained in interior design, so I don't know much about "style". I just go with what I really like. ▶

How did you put together the look of your home?
I started with the pieces in our collection – for example, items from our travels such as the Moroccan carpet (in the foyer). Then, I built on colour schemes by area, as I had different themes in mind for each zone. For example, in the living room, I wanted a colour scheme of gold, white and black. I measured everything exactly to make sure they would fit perfectly. I even drew perspective drawings to see how the pieces would look in the space.

Did you encounter any difficulties?
No, it was so fun! I just wish I had more space to experiment with more looks.

You have many decor accessories. Why are they are so important to your home?
Even though most people think the larger furniture pieces are more important, I think accessories – such as vases, cushions and throws – make a house a home. If I didn't have all this stuff, my house will just look really plain and like any other home! It's really the items you choose and how you style them that give the space character.







ABOVE
As Priscilla loves art, every corner of the home is decorated with vibrantly coloured paintings, some of which are done by her.

LEFT
Separating the spaces housing the washbasin, and the WC and shower allows both areas to be used independently.

RIGHT
Watercolour paintings, a birdcage and an ornate silver-tone photoframe are among the objects that decorate Priscilla's side of the bed.


SMALL HOUSE BIG LOVE
THE GREAT GATSBY
MRS
Mr & Mrs
DESIGN-SPONGE at HOME



LEFT
The bright colours of the soft furnishings, and interesting objects that the homeowners have collected over the years contribute to the eclectic look of the master bedroom.

Where did you get your furnishings from?
My dad runs a flooring and furniture business, so he helped me make a few items, such as the dining bench and the wooden "tile" flooring in the foyer. Some of the furniture and decor are imported from China, and many were bought from Ikea, Typo or online.

I really like second-hand stuff, as it adds more character to a space. I like upcycling and personalising items to suit the rest of my things. So, I often go to Salvation Army stores, Hock Siong & Co, flea markets and warehouse sales.

What are some of your decor must-haves?
I love table settings, so I have many sets of tableware in all kinds of designs! When we host dinners, I get to use them and play around with different themes, so it's always interesting. I'm also big on home fragrances, as they help you feel pampered and add mood to the home. ●

text LOUISA CLARE LIM photography DARREN CHANG art direction DON TAN



It's more than great design
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The award winning Danish actor Mads Mikkelsen takes the lead role in a new film THE CALL for BoConcept which he has also helped in developing the script. Famous for his chilling performances as Le Chiffre in the James Bond movie Casino Royale and as Hannibal Lechter in the successful TV-series Hannibal, Mads is irresistibly attractive and charming this time.

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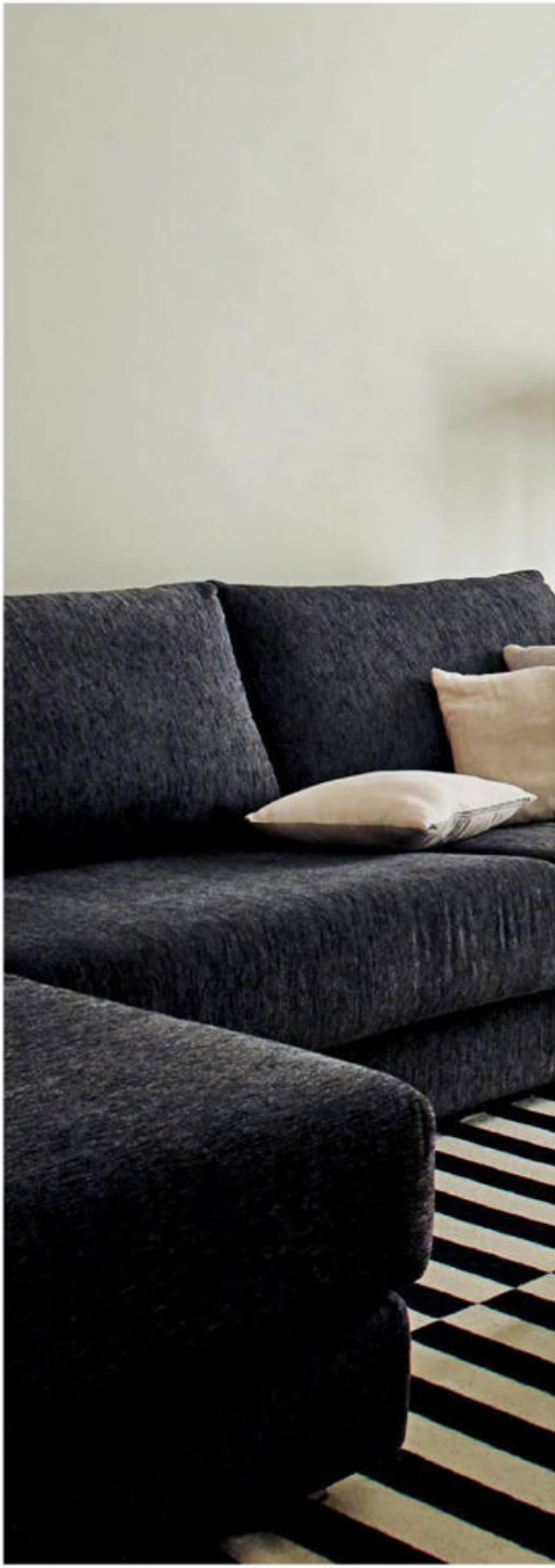
BEST DRESSED

Scrupulous space planning was key to transforming this awkwardly shaped space into a chic urban retreat.

WHO
A couple in their early 30s and their dog

HOME
Three-bedroom condominium apartment in the east

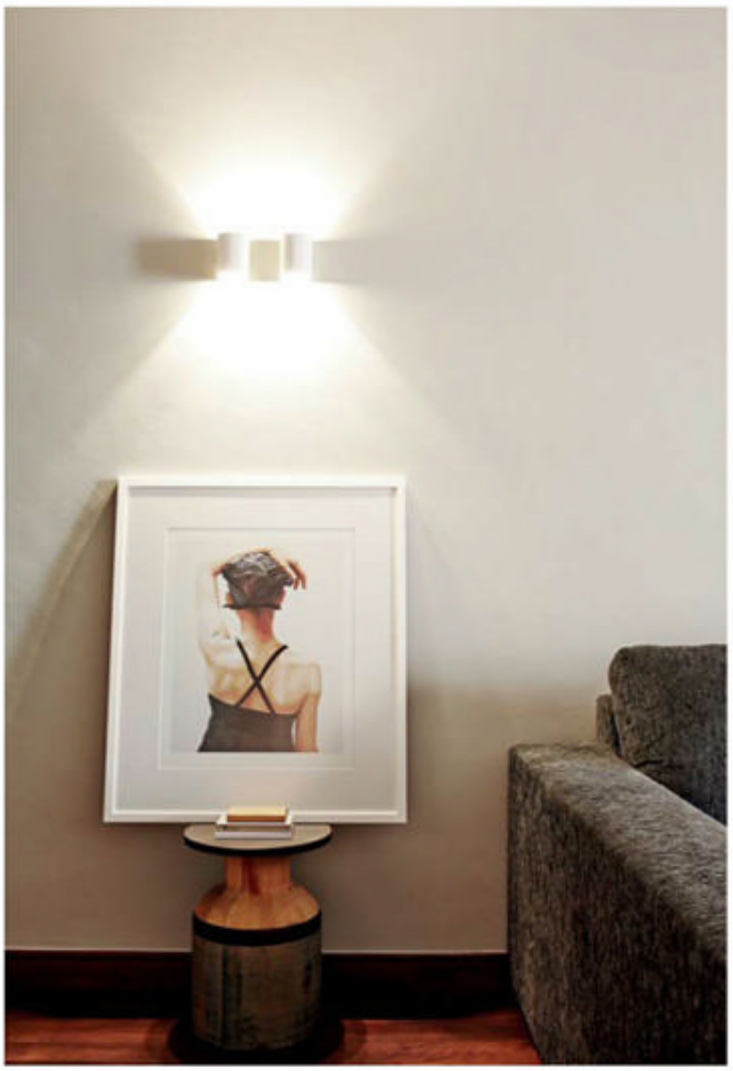
SIZE
1,300sqf



RIGHT
While it is usually ideal to position the dining area beside the kitchen, siting it next to the windows allows the homeowners to enjoy the natural light and view.


The
End





Finance industry professionals Alex and Faye Goldie, with their designer Ho Wai Keong from Amber, pulled off what other homeowners spend years doing: they created the perfect urban oasis that's cosmopolitan without being pretentious, and stripped-down without being nondescript, all on their first attempt.

With its neutral hues and curated furnishings, everything feels right where it should be in this three-bedroom home. It is remarkably functional, too – there's plenty of storage room, and the spaces now work for its occupants' lifestyle.

Faye said: "We were looking for something for us to grow into as a family; an apartment that we could hack and redo."

To achieve the couple's clean, contemporary vision, Wai Keong redrew the original layout, ▸

ABOVE, LEFT
The exterior walls and sliding door of the kitchen – which faces both the living area and entrance passageway – are wrapped in timber panelling, tying the areas together visually.

ABOVE
Wall lights help to subtly accentuate decor pieces.

RIGHT
Wai Keong provided hidden storage spaces, and plenty of horizontal surfaces to display decor and collectibles.

OPPOSITE
The slim silhouettes of the dining chairs and pendant lamps ensure minimal obstruction to the natural light flooding in.









OPPOSITE
The subway tiles that Faye chose for the backsplash add a side of sizzling colour to the kitchen.

LEFT
Faye loves to sit at the bar counter and watch Alex cook. Replacing the wall with windows also allowed more light into the living area, which previously had only one natural light source.

BELOW
The original Burmese teak flooring makes the space cosy and complements the wardrobes, which are clad in wood-lookalike laminate.



while retaining all the bedrooms and incorporating the couple's existing furnishings. Here's how he did it:

1. Work around tight spots

The layout, which included uncomfortably petite and odd-shaped spaces, was reconfigured to meet Alex and Faye's needs.

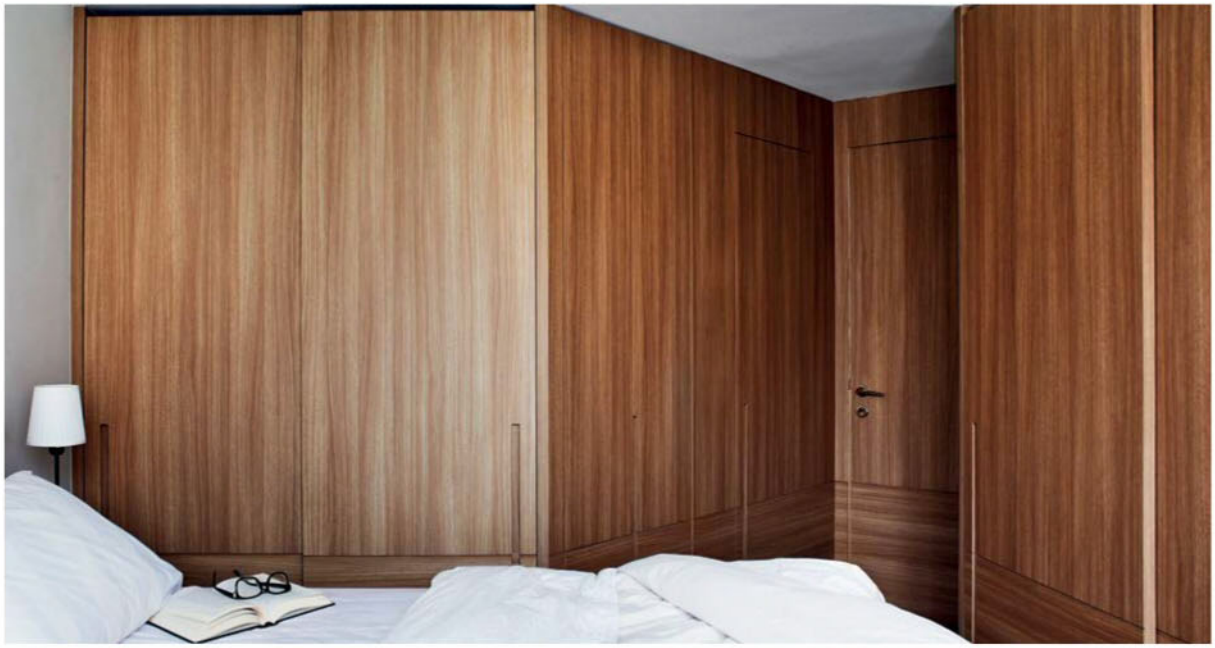
The size of the original kitchen, for instance, was comfortable only for one person to prepare meals. So, the designer replaced the wall between the living area and kitchen with a bar counter angled towards the former to carve out more food preparation space. "I thought the living area and kitchen should be a single space to allow communication," he says.

2. Tailor the space for the user

Rather than going for big flourishes, Wai Keong sought to conceptualise an intuitive, user-friendly apartment. "The idea is to keep things a bit simpler, a bit easier. Design doesn't always have to stand out," he explains.

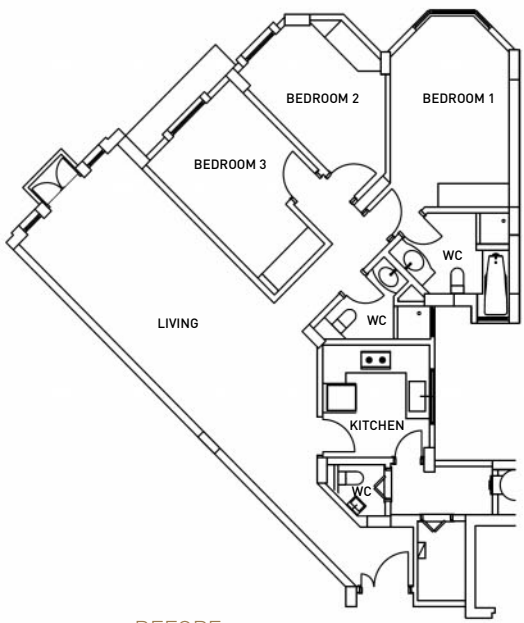
He installed windows above the kitchen's bar counter to keep in cooking fumes without obstructing the flow of space and light. Although the kitchen is now bigger, appliances and fittings are placed so that they are no more than two steps from each other.

To accommodate the working couple's hectic lifestyle, Wai Keong incorporated two washbasins in the master bathroom by removing the tub and repositioning the shower.

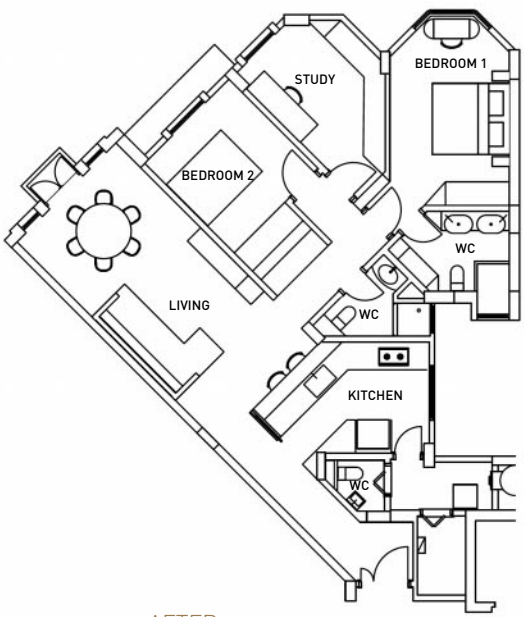


LEFT
Wai Keong concealed the doors to the corridor and master bathroom by cladding them in the same wood-lookalike laminate as the wardrobes.

FLOOR PLAN



BEFORE



AFTER

3. Make it easy on the eye

Similar materials – for instance, laminates that clad the storage walls – are used for a seamless look. In the master bedroom, wood-lookalike laminate is applied on both rows of wardrobes and the bathroom door, concealing the latter while creating a neat, cocooning vibe.

In the kitchen, light bounces off the cabinets' white laminate, while its exterior walls are covered in timber panelling. "The kitchen should look like it's carved from a single block, when viewed from outside," says Wai Keong. So, built-in appliances were used, while solid surface was chosen for the counter as it can be applied on the angled countertop without leaving joint lines. ●

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HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Creating the chic and cheerful look of this home took just five weeks, with all communication done over Whatsapp!

WHO
An elderly couple

HOME
Three-bedroom condominium unit in Novena

SIZE
1,485sqf



RIGHT
The living area sports an interesting mix of furniture, most of which was sourced in Indonesia.

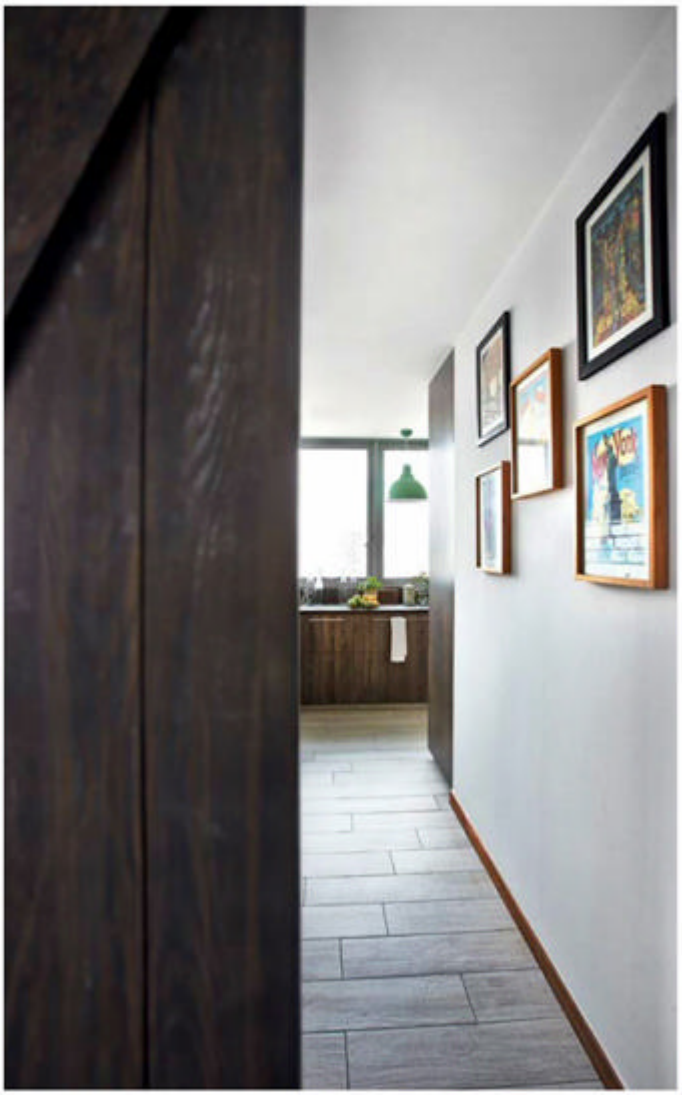

NEWS



BELOW
A green wall brings an element of nature into the urban high-rise flat.

RIGHT
A barn-inspired door frames the entrance of the narrow L-shaped kitchen.

OPPOSITE
The home features a private lift lobby that has graphic patterned tiles underfoot.





Upon entering this home on the 23rd floor, a breathtaking view of the city skyline greets you. The lucky caretakers and occupants of the apartment are Mr and Mrs Tan; their son, Joseph, who works in Indonesia with his wife, comes over with his family to stay occasionally.

Designer Alex Kwan of Museum Homes shares that he and Joseph used the instant messaging service, Whatsapp, to communicate throughout the entire design and construction process. "In fact, we met only three times — first, on site before the renovation; then, in my office to discuss the design direction and, finally, during the handover!" he says.





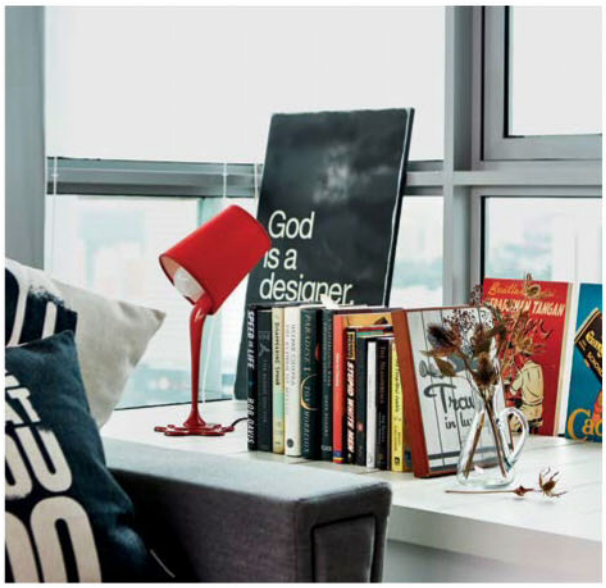
LEFT
Deep, warm wood tones give the kitchen mood, while fresh green hues pop from its muted canvas.

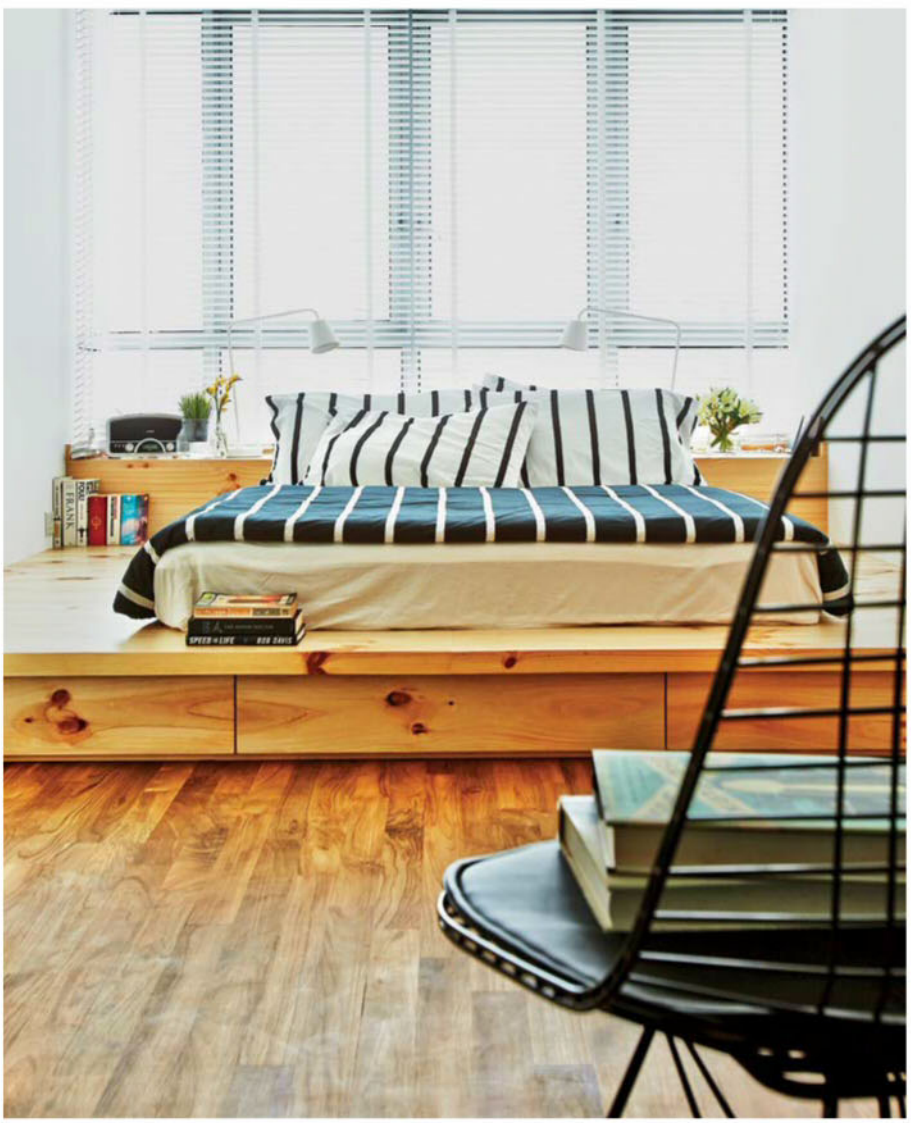
ABOVE
White mosaic tiles with black grouting are used in the master bathroom to give it a modern graphic appeal.

(OPPOSITE)
TOP
Even though the homeowners do not stay here often, the apartment has a cosy, lived-in look and feel.

BOTTOM
The platform in the master bedroom gives the space a loft-like feel, while incorporating storage space within.







The job, which cost $110,000, was a quick one, completed in the span of merely five weeks, even though plenty of thought and detail had gone into it.

The entire living area features wood-lookalike tiles overlaid on the existing floor to avoid any hacking work and to save cost and time. Adjoining the living area, the balcony was converted into a semi-open air dining space, where the best views can be enjoyed.

Loose furniture in a mixture of styles, from vintage to Scandinavian, adorn the home, reflecting the creative personality of the homeowners who work in the advertising industry. ⬣

WHERE TO GO

Museum Homes, TEL: 6737-9793

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OLD IS GOLD

Instead of keeping her small home bare and minimal, this homeowner fills it with vintage knick-knacks to show off her passion for bygone eras.

WHO
A couple and their daughter

HOME
Two-bedroom condominium unit in Sin Ming Walk

SIZE
880sqf



RIGHT
A simple backdrop of white bricks serves as the perfect canvas to the smorgasbord of colourful vintage accessories displayed around the house.





"Your home should show your personality. You should surround yourself with things you love," says 40-year-old homeowner Sharon Teo, who's clad in a brightly coloured 1950s-inspired dress.

With the help of Ken Lee from interiors practice Space Matters, she turned her run-of-the-mill two-bedroom apartment into an eclectic treasure trove of antique collectibles and furniture that clearly reflects her fondness for all things vintage.

This decade-old resale unit, where she lives with her husband and daughter, is filled with vintage Scandinavian-style furniture pieces and decor accessories hailing from the turn of the 20th century, right up to the 1960s.

When asked about her favourite piece of furniture, Sharon swiftly points out the 1960s' curved dresser in her bedroom. Sporting metal rims and brass-capped legs characteristic of that era, it was "love at first sight" when she spotted it in the corner of Baan Vintage, a now-defunct vintage shop.

Sharon's growing collection of classic curios includes bone china tea sets from England, Pakistani rugs, and a working rotary telephone. One of her favourite spots in the home is the counter that faces the dry kitchen, as it allows her to showcase prized possessions, such as a siren red typewriter, among other gems of yesteryear.

With such a rich collection of items, Ken decided to "keep the walls bare, and let the rest do the talking". A monochrome palette of white walls and black accents balances out the colourful furnishings. To open up the main common areas, the designer tore down the false ceiling and the wall between the kitchen and the living room. Framed glass panels demarcate the wet and dry kitchens, without creating a barrier that seems too imposing.

A kitchen island was introduced to maximise the footprint of the compact home. Besides being used to host the occasional dinner party, it doubles as a study table for the couple's

ABOVE
At the heart of the home is this space-efficient kitchen island, where Sharon stows her fragile antique tableware.

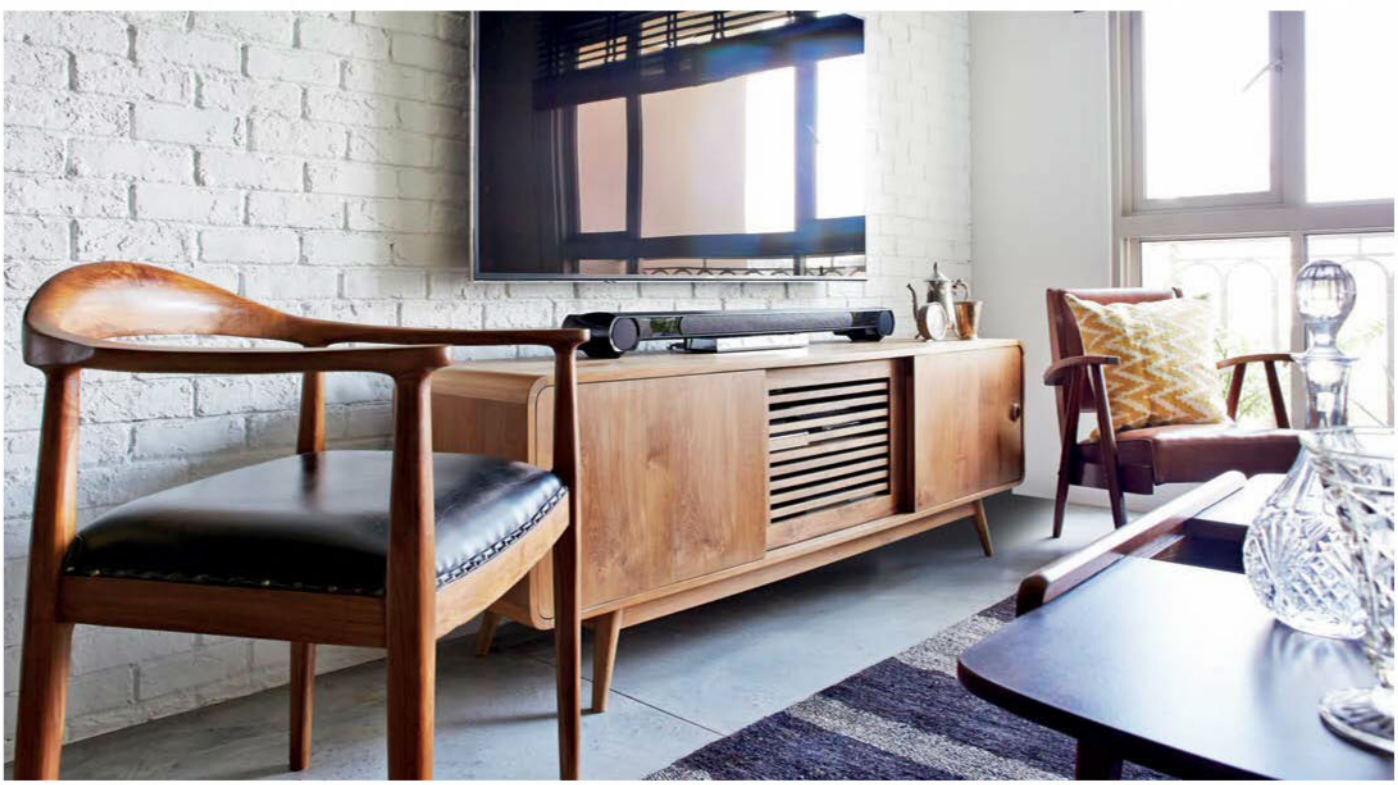
(OPPOSITE)
TOP LEFT
A small ledge opposite the kitchen island showcases the husband's spirits and the wife's treasured siren red typewriter.

TOP RIGHT
Furnished with a vintage bar stool and an oriental shoe cabinet, the entrance features nostalgic Vietnamese-French cement tiles that zone the area from the living spaces.

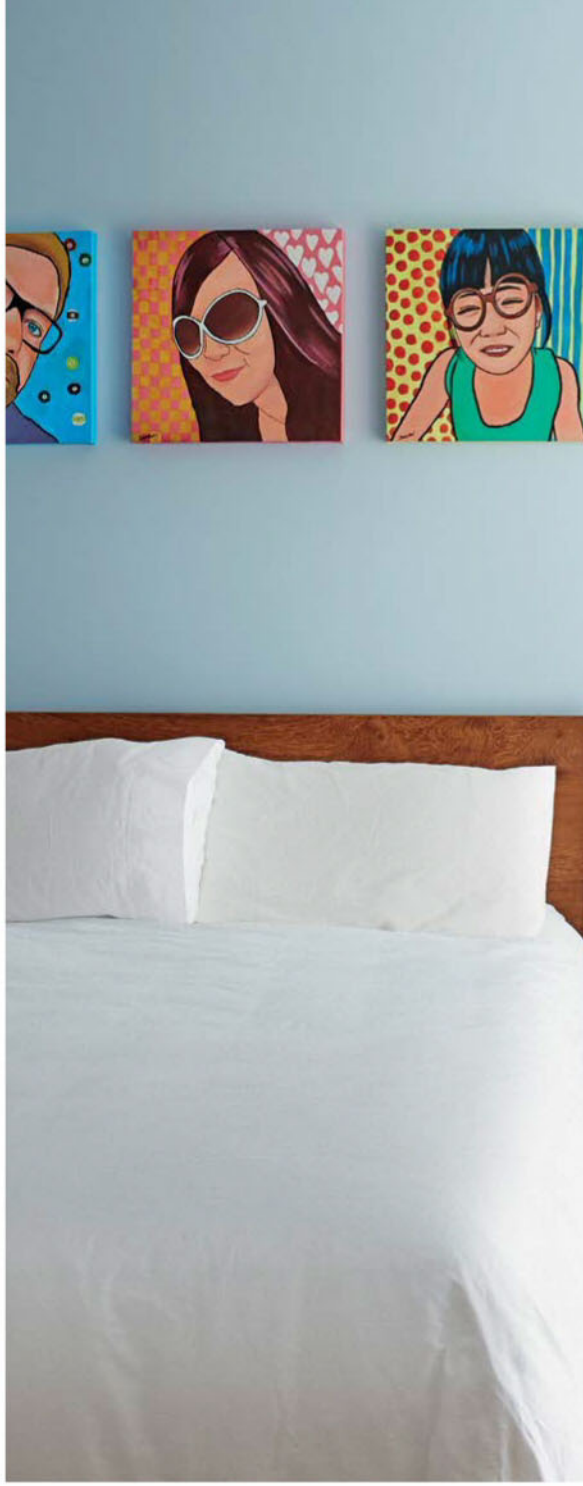
BOTTOM
Wooden furniture, such as the teak chairs and television console, introduce some warmth to the industrial-tinged interior.











daughter. The $60,000 overhaul also included removing a built-in tub in the master bathroom, and an obstructive pillar in the middle of the master bedroom.

"Making a haphazard space look nice requires a lot of effort," says Sharon. But with a complementary colour scheme, and a space-savvy layout, this cosy residence makes it seem like an effortless affair. ●

WHERE TO GO

Space Matters, TEL: 9692-3215



SHARON'S VINTAGE SHOPPING HAUNTS

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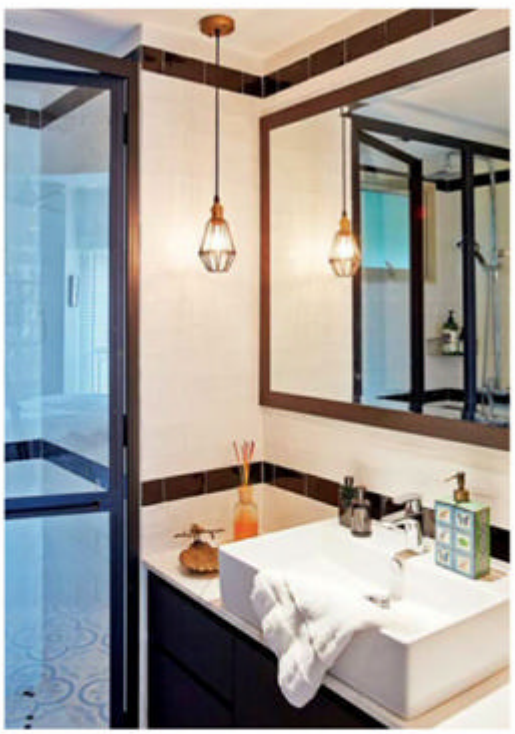
2. Lorgan's The Retro Store
Besides retro furniture and home accessories, it also stocks Danish reproduction furniture.
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3. Baan Vintage
In addition to vintage women's dresses, this online shop also sells a multiplicity of antique collectibles and furniture.
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5. Asher's Vintage Market
An online retailer of vintage products, it offers everything from Peranakan wall tiles to hand-painted tiffin carriers.
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ABOVE
Pop Art-inspired portraits of the family, painted by the couple's nine-year-old daughter, add colour to the decor in the master bedroom.

TOP RIGHT
The baroque hand-carved mirror, lends an old-world charm to the chic bathroom.

RIGHT
A bathtub used to occupy the master bathroom, but was hacked away due to space constraints.

OPPOSITE
The black-and-white classic patterned flooring of the kitchen contrasts nicely with the sleek appliances.

text ANGELA LOW photography WINSTON CHUANG art direction KAFFY TAN

Q&A

YOUR RENO & DECOR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

We answer your renovation and decorating questions with help from industry experts. E-mail questions to maghomedecor@sph.com.sg.

What is the right allowance of space to leave between the back of my sofa and a piece of art?

There are some factors to consider when hanging art, especially when there are pieces of furniture around it.

For art hung above your sofa, make sure that the artwork "easily clears the heads of those seated, so guests will feel comfortable enough to lean back and relax without fear of hitting the frame," says Alexandra Mytton-Mills, the creative director of frame shop The Frame Society.

She adds: "Artworks are usually hung at eye level, which is between 1.6m and 1.65m from the floor to the middle of the artwork. This increases the maximum visual enjoyment you get from the piece, without having to tilt your head to look up at it.

"This, however, can be adjusted if you want to create a more intimate area with lower seating, for example, so that the art really becomes part of the space."



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I would like to save some money by reupholstering my sofa, but it's quite old and I wonder if it might be cheaper to just buy a new one. How do I know if my sofa is a good candidate for upholstering?

We usually want to prolong the life of items we like, such as clothes that we bother to mend. The same goes for furniture. If you still love the shape and design of your sofa, then go ahead and reupholster it! You'll still have a piece you love, but it'll be updated for that new look you're planning for the space.

If it's not something you love, then buying a new sofa is often worth the additional cost, says Chloe Elkerton, the founder and director of E&A Interiors.

"New fabric can work wonders on a piece that has a great shape. However, you need to think about the amount of fabric you require and also the condition of the seat and back cushions – do these need to be refilled, and do the legs or base need to be revarnished?

Work out all the costs before asking yourself if it is a piece you will really love, and will be able to use for a long time.



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I know wood veneer and wood-lookalike laminates are often used for furniture instead of solid wood. How do I tell the difference?

The plethora of materials available now lets us enjoy wood, or sometimes the look of it, in any shape or place!

As veneer, laminates, and solid wood are very different materials, how and where they can be applied will differ. But with some close scrutiny, you'll be able to tell them apart. Dess Chew of interior design firm Three-D Conceptwerke shares these tips:

Veneer is a thin layer of shaved wood that is normally applied on plywood. It is prone to scratches, and can't be sanded down as it's only a skin, so veneers are usually not placed in heavy-usage areas.

As the thin skin wraps around the plywood, from the surface to the edges, there are no visible joint lines. The grains also tend to be more even, with little variation.

On the other hand, there are usually telltale joint lines when laminates are applied, because they are made from fusing a thin layer of decorative paper with a thicker core substrate (there is little or no wood used at all!).

Sometimes, laminate edges are given an edge trimming, which is a PVC grain simulation that follows closely with the laminate grain. Laminates are also seldom used around curved surfaces as they come in stiff sheets measuring 8 feet by 4 feet. That said, wood-lookalike laminates come in a huge variety of styles, including some that look weathered, with realistic textures to boot!

Solid wood is rarely used in customised carpentry works, as the supply of solid wood is regulated. They are available more commonly as finished pieces of furniture. As it is a natural, organic material, there will be variations in tone and colour, so you will find more uneven shading throughout each piece. To identify if a piece is solid wood, just look at the cross section of the panel to see if it is one single piece of wood.

I plan to renovate my home soon and was wondering if I should hire a contractor or an interior designer. Can you offer some pointers?

The role of a contractor is quite different from that of an interior designer.

An interior designer is able to offer stylish solutions to design problems, tailoring the home for both form and function, to your needs. A contractor is someone who executes the design; he will manage the workers to carry out the wetworks, carpentry, painting, and so on.

To decide who to choose, ask yourself these questions. Firstly, how extensive will your renovation be? If it doesn't involve heavy re-designing of your spaces, perhaps just a basic sprucing up of the existing rooms, then go with a contractor.

If you need someone to help you take all your ideas and translate them into a unified look for your home, then you'll need an interior designer.

Would you have time to project-manage your renovation? If you engage an interior designer, you only need to work with him during the renovation. The designer will make sure the agreed design is being carried out to specifications. When working with a contractor, you'll need to provide instructions on what you want, and monitor his work progress yourself.

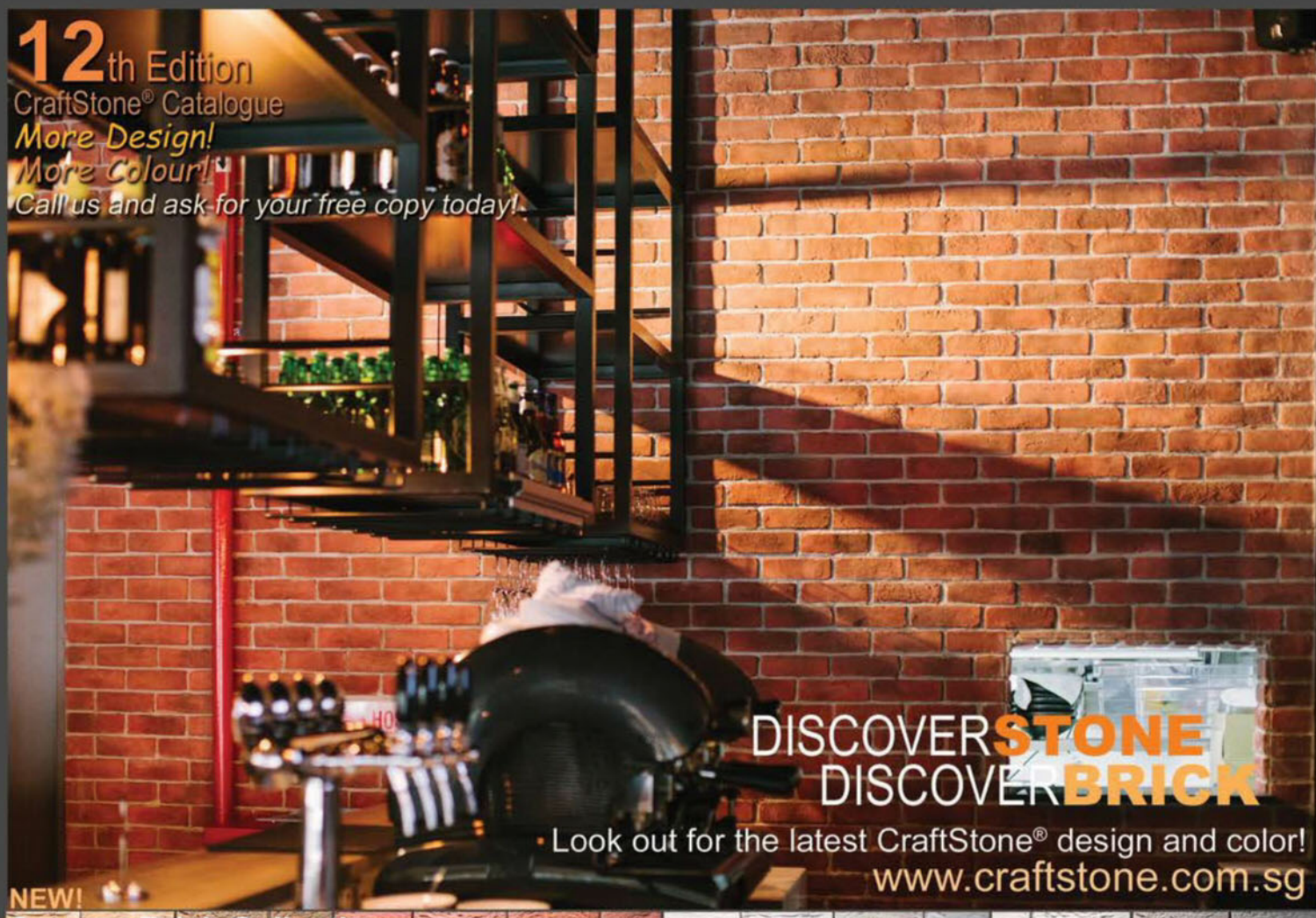
What's your renovation budget? A contractor will simply charge you for the work that has been done, but with a designer, there are design fees involved, for their professional skills and to a certain extent, the time spent coordinating the project.

Depending on the designer, this fee might either be built into the total bill or be a payment separate from the physical works done.

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Embrace the minimal life

"Have nothing in your home that you do not know to be beautiful or believe to be beautiful," according to English artist William Morris.

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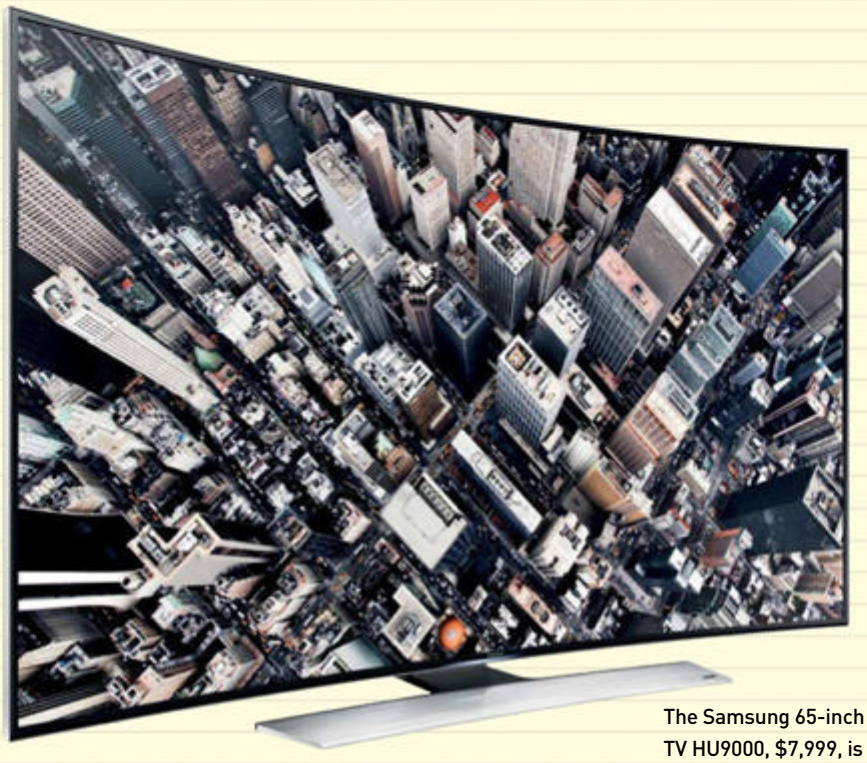
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THE 4K EXPERIENCE

When is an image good enough? We take a quick look at 4K TVs, the next level of viewing technology after high-definition TVs (HDTVs).



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At the moment, HDTVs are common, with only a handful of brands offering 4K technology.

But like all new technology, 4K looks set to dominate when prices come down, thanks to its superior picture quality as compared to those of current HDTV sets.

One day, we will look back on regular HDTVs and wonder how we managed to watch TV in such low resolution! Here's what you need to know about 4k technology.

WHAT IS A 4K TV?

4K, also known as ultra HD (or UHD), offers a resolution of 3,840 by 2,160 pixels – four times higher than that of a full-HD TV.

With its 8.3 million pixels (as compared to two million for full HD), it has the highest resolution and, therefore, best picture detail for TV screens to date.

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN AROUND?

The first consumer 4K TV was released in 2012. Today, they are readily available from electrical giants such as Samsung and LG.

WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT IT?

As TVs get cheaper, more people upgrade to larger screens (most go for 50 to 60 inches).

Here's the problem: screens are getting bigger, but the number of pixels remains the same and the individual pixels become more visible. Think of it as stretching an image, causing it to become blurred.

4K displays address this by "packing" more pixels together. As the resolution of a 4K TV is four times greater than that of a full-HD TV, it has a higher amount of pixels per inch.

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WHAT CONTENT IS AVAILABLE FOR 4K TVS?

4K broadcasting has actually already begun. Apart from sporting events (such as the 2014 World Cup) that have been shot and broadcast to the public using the technology, Internet streaming services (such as Netflix and Youtube) now offer 4K content.

There will only be more to come, as movie-makers and TV networks explore the possibilities. That being said, while the Internet has been an important content enabler, there is still a lack of 4K content on TV and cable networks. However, 4K TVs can also elevate regular HD content such that it looks close to 4K resolution.

WHAT'S THE PRICE DIFFERENCE?

Between a full-HD TV and a 4K TV, depending on TV size and specification, the price difference can range from $500 to $2,500.

It is expected that prices will only go down as the technology becomes more popular.

4K OR UHD?

The terms "4K" and "UHD" are often used interchangeably, but technically the term 4K is used to refer to cinema screens with a screen ratio of 17:9. TV screens have a screen ratio of 16:9. "4K" TVs, as they are marketed, are actually UHD TVs with the same TV ratio of 16:9, but with superior picture quality due to the higher number of pixels.



The Sharp 50-inch LC-50UE1M 4K TV, $2,039, and 58-inch LC-58UE1M 4K TV, $2,799, are available at Harvey Norman.

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RENTAL SPECIAL
PART 1



5 MUST-KNOWS FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY RENTAL

Can you list your property for short-term rental on websites such as Airbnb.com? Who pays the maintenance fees for your condo? Before you lease out your property, find out what you need to know.

Karen Chan and her husband are shopping for a two-bedder condominium unit in the west as part of their investment plans to prepare for retirement. They currently live in a five-room Housing Board (HDB) flat with their two teenage children, their grandmother and a domestic helper. "There's no way to squeeze our family of six into the condo apartment. Besides, this property has to pay for itself. We definitely need to rent it out to cover the monthly bank loan instalment," explains Karen, who is in her late 40s.

Besides house-hunting, she is also trying to learn all she can about being a first-time landlord. Although renting out a private property may mean less restrictions than if it were a HDB flat, Karen was surprised to learn that there are still strict guidelines to follow. Here are five things every potential private-property landlord needs to know to avoid flouting Singapore's strict laws.

DO I NEED TO SEEK PERMISSION FROM ANY GOVERNMENT BODIES BEFORE I RENT OUT MY PROPERTY?

No. Unlike subletting a HDB flat, which requires approval from the HDB, private-property owners are free to lease out their spare rooms or entire units. However, you'll have to follow some strict guidelines from the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA).

The most important one states that for short-term rentals – classified as lease periods of less than six months on a daily, weekly or monthly basis – are not allowed.

You may lease out the whole unit or sublet rooms for residential purposes only for

long-term stays of six months or more, provided you meet certain conditions. For example, there should be only one single tenancy agreement or master tenant per residential unit to cover the number of occupants if you are renting out your entire unit. You can, however, choose to lease out rooms to individual tenants.

You cannot put in internal partitions to alter the layout of the property so as to create more rooms, as overcrowding will create safety hazards. Each occupant must have at least 106sqf (10sqm) of space. However, the maximum number of occupants you can squeeze into a residential unit is eight, no matter how big your property is. If you are living within the premises, you will be included in this headcount.

This means that even if your family is willing to live with a dozen strangers so as to maximise your rental income, you will be flouting the URA's guidelines. Should your neighbours complain, you will be investigated. The good news is that if you are renting out the whole unit to one family, and it's not sublet to anyone else, this rule will not apply to them.

IS IT LEGAL TO PUT UP MY ROOM OR HOME FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL ON HOME-SHARING WEBSITES SUCH AS AIRBNB?

Technically, you will be flouting the regulations, even though a quick check on Airbnb's Singapore website showed over a thousand local listings.

If caught, homeowners can be jailed for up to a year and fined up to $200,000. Since 2013, over 570 complaints were lodged with the URA about the alleged rental of individual strata-titled private residential properties for under six months.

The URA's main concern (and reason behind the current short-term stay guidelines) is to "safeguard the amenity and living environment" of a residential development, and to ensure that residents are not adversely affected by the frequent turnover of transient occupiers.

However, there is no denying the growing popularity of such services. Last September, Senior Minister of State for National Development Lee Yi Shyan asked the Government to study the implications of this issue.

Thus, the URA is currently conducting a review on its "minimum six-months lease" rule for private residential premises (HDB residential properties are not included in the review).

Besides engaging industry players such as Airbnb in a town-hall meeting in January this year, URA also designed a questionnaire on its website (www.ura.gov.sg/uol/Surveys/short-term-stay) for private-home owners to share their views. The results of the poll, which concluded in late February, were not available at press time.

In a separate study commissioned by Airbnb and conducted by David Binder Research, published in February this year, nearly three-quarters of the 600 Singaporeans surveyed were supportive of allowing short-term rentals to be legalised. Over half of them are convinced that short-term rentals contribute to extra income that "pays their bills (so that they can) afford to live in Singapore".

Another 63 per cent feel that "Airbnb brings tourism money into local communities that wouldn't otherwise see it".

Despite the enthusiastic feedback, the verdict is still out for thousands of Airbnb listers hoping for good news from the URA that will allow them to legally tap into the global trend of house-sharing.

WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO CHECK FROM MY TENANTS WHEN I RENT OUT MY PROPERTY?

If you've hired an agent, she should ensure that all necessary documents such as your tenants' passport and work permit or employment pass are valid, with photocopies duly submitted to you.

However, as the landlord, you will also need to practise your due diligence. Should you be found harbouring illegal immigrants or overstayers, you risk facing a $6,000 fine or imprisonment of up to 24 months.

Check the foreign tenants' original pass or permit, ensure that the particulars in the passport are the same as those in the pass or permit, and verify that the pass is still valid by checking with the issuing department.

If you have tenants who are on Long Term passes or Students' passes, visit the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA)'s website (www.tinyurl.com/EnquiryICA) to check their passes' validity and authenticity. If they are on Work passes or Dependant's passes, you can log on to www.tinyurl.com/CheckWorkPass to check.

ARE MY TENANTS ALLOWED TO SUBLET MY PROPERTY?

No. Your lease contract should clearly state the names and details of each of your tenants, and your master tenant is not allowed to add to that original ▸

list without your permission. Some landlords can unknowingly flout the law when their tenants secretly sublet a room – or in some cases, even just a bed-and-cupboard space – to others.

In 2009, a homeowner leased her 3,000sqf maisonette at Elizabeth Towers to a master tenant who illegally put up partitions and sublet the apartment to 11 other people; the master tenant did not live on-site. Upon investigation, the URA ordered the partitions to be torn down.

It's not just small-time master tenants who do that; some real-estate rental companies are also flouting the rules. In 2013, a reporter from *The Sunday Times* answered an advertisement by Bergen Associates Group, which offered short-term leasing for several units at The Sail @ Marina Bay.

Posing as a potential tenant interested in renting a one-bedroom apartment for a month, the undercover reporter was offered a lease contract for six months, but with a clause to terminate early after a month. This clever trick is an attempt to get around the "minimum six-months lease" guideline by the URA.

One homeowner at The Sail, who hired Bergen Associates Group to lease out his apartment, terminated his leasing agreement after he discovered that the company, which leased his unit for $4,500 per month, had sublet it to another company for $8,500. In three months, three different tenants had stayed in his unit.

So, private-property owners, be warned – you should always do your own checks and keep all copies of your tenants' papers, lest you fall prey to such practices.

You may lease out the whole unit or sublet rooms for residential purposes only for long-term stays of six months or more, provided you meet certain conditions.



WHO PAYS FOR THE CONDO'S MAINTENANCE FEES – THE LANDLORD OR THE TENANT?

As the property is in your name, you will be responsible for paying the maintenance fees charged by your condominium. This can range from $200 per month for a condo or apartment with limited facilities, to $800 for a high-end condo.

Here's the burning question: if you rented out your apartment, can you still pop by to use the condo's facilities? For example, can you park your car there every night?

Technically, once you sign the lease, the right to use the facilities now belongs to the tenant. It is also incorrect to assume that since you own a unit in the condo, you also "own" a parking space that you can use if your tenant does not own a car. In some condos, especially those near MRT stations where parking spaces in the estate are very limited, car owners – those who stay in the condo, be they owners or tenants – may have to ballot for a spot. As you don't live there, you don't qualify.

What about popping by to use the swimming pool or the barbecue pit? As a non-resident, you can enjoy the facilities – but only if you are an invited guest. Do check these by-laws with your Management Corporation Strata Title (MCST), the company hired to manage the condominium.

Of course, how strictly these rules are enforced really depends on the MCST and the management committee – meaning, your neighbours.

While some landlords reason that because they pay the maintenance fees, they should be able to use them, resist the temptation to pop by regularly to use the "free" facilities. Overcrowding the pool or quarrelling with your neighbours over a parking space will only create ill feelings and, in some situations, garner you warning letters from the MCST! ●

Next month, we tell you what you need to know about renting out your HDB flat in part two of our Rental Special.

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Your refrigerator is probably the only appliance at home that can never catch a break! Most people neglect to clean it, too. Keeping this kitchen workhorse sanitary is important, so as to ensure that food and groceries are kept fresh.

Your fridge needs a thorough cleaning at least once every three months; it may be a stomach-turning task, but the good news is that it shouldn't take you more than 30 minutes!

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FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

Step 1
Unplug it
You need to air out the fridge and get it ready for a serious scrub down.

Step 2
Empty it out
Take everything out and divide the contents into three categories: one for things that need cleaning out (such as reusable containers with stale food), another for things that will go back into the fridge, and the last for discarding (throw these straight into the trash bags).

Step 3
Clean the contents
Wipe up drips, leaks and the bottoms of jars and cartons with a damp cloth. Make sure that whatever goes back into the fridge is clean, so you don't run the risk of reintroducing odours and mess.

Step 4
Clean the interiors
If possible, remove shelves and drawers before spraying the inside of the fridge with cleaner, letting it soak into difficult stains.

Wash these fixtures with warm soapy water and a sponge, and set aside to dry. Wipe down the interior of the fridge with a damp cloth to remove any traces of cleaning product.

Tackle hard-to-reach areas and crevices with a paper towel. Make sure to clean the fridge doors, too!

Step 5
Return shelving and contents
To prevent mould growth, make sure the removable shelving and drawers are totally dry before inserting them back into the fridge. ●

TIP

COMBAT FOOD ODOURS
To absorb unpleasant smells, use homemade air fresheners such as an open jar of baking soda, a dish of fresh ground coffee or a clean sock filled with activated charcoal. Crumple up balls of brown paper and place them with fruit and vegetables in the drawers to absorb smells and excess moisture.

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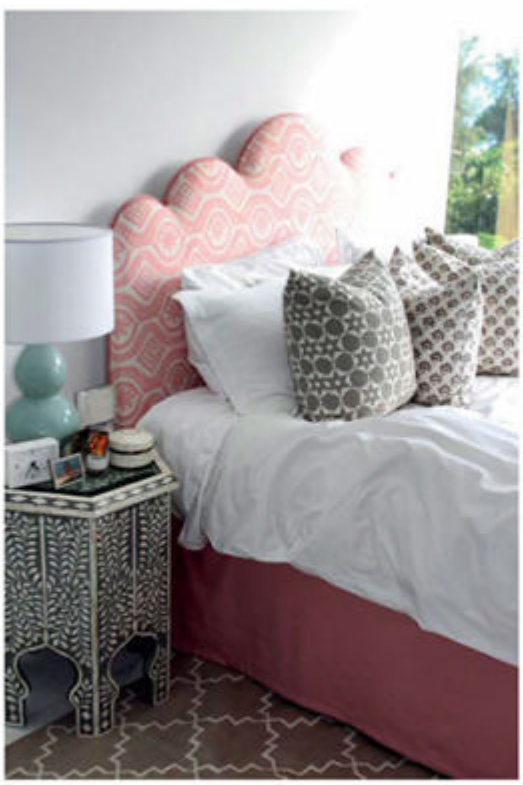
Transformed with soft furnishings in light colours and pretty patterns, a plain apartment becomes a unique home.

This 1,100sqf apartment was just like any other cookie-cutter high-rise condominium unit, till Elizabeth Acland of E&A Interiors worked her magic on it. The company is known for its extensive library of unique textiles sourced from the US and UK, as well as vintage and antique furniture.

The home is rented by a bachelorette, who couldn't renovate the space, but wanted it to be a welcoming place she could call home.

The two-bedroom apartment has a breezy, laid-back feel that is characteristic of the east, where it is located. Elizabeth concocted a light and refreshing palette that complemented this.





The soft, delicate hues, such as lavender, powder pink and robin egg blue, give this otherwise all-white apartment some colour and a feminine touch. A medley of prints, patterns and texture also come together artfully to create visually arresting vignettes.

In the open-concept living and dining area, an octagonal ottoman that doubles as a coffee table is upholstered in a striking patterned textile from UK-based Blithfield & Company, while a vintage armchair was given a new lease of life with pretty linen fabric in the same colour family.

Basic dining chairs purchased from Ikea were also enhanced by reupholstering the seats in a purple tie-dye fabric from Los Angeles-based Raoul Textiles.

As for the master bedroom, a custom-made headboard with an attractive curved design is both decorative and comfortable. Throw cushions with block-printed fabric from Vanderhurd and Les Indiennes from the US further embellish the queen-size bed, which is paired with a bedside table sourced from India and made using inlay techniques.

Other finishing touches throughout the home include dhurrie rugs, and lamps, which were bought locally and fitted with custom-made lampshades.

With the help of soft furnishings and accessories, this once nondescript space became a beautiful and unique home – no renovation necessary! ●

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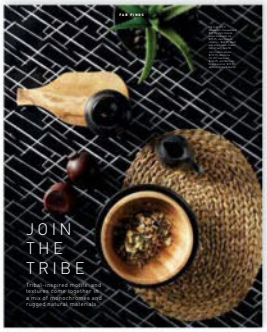


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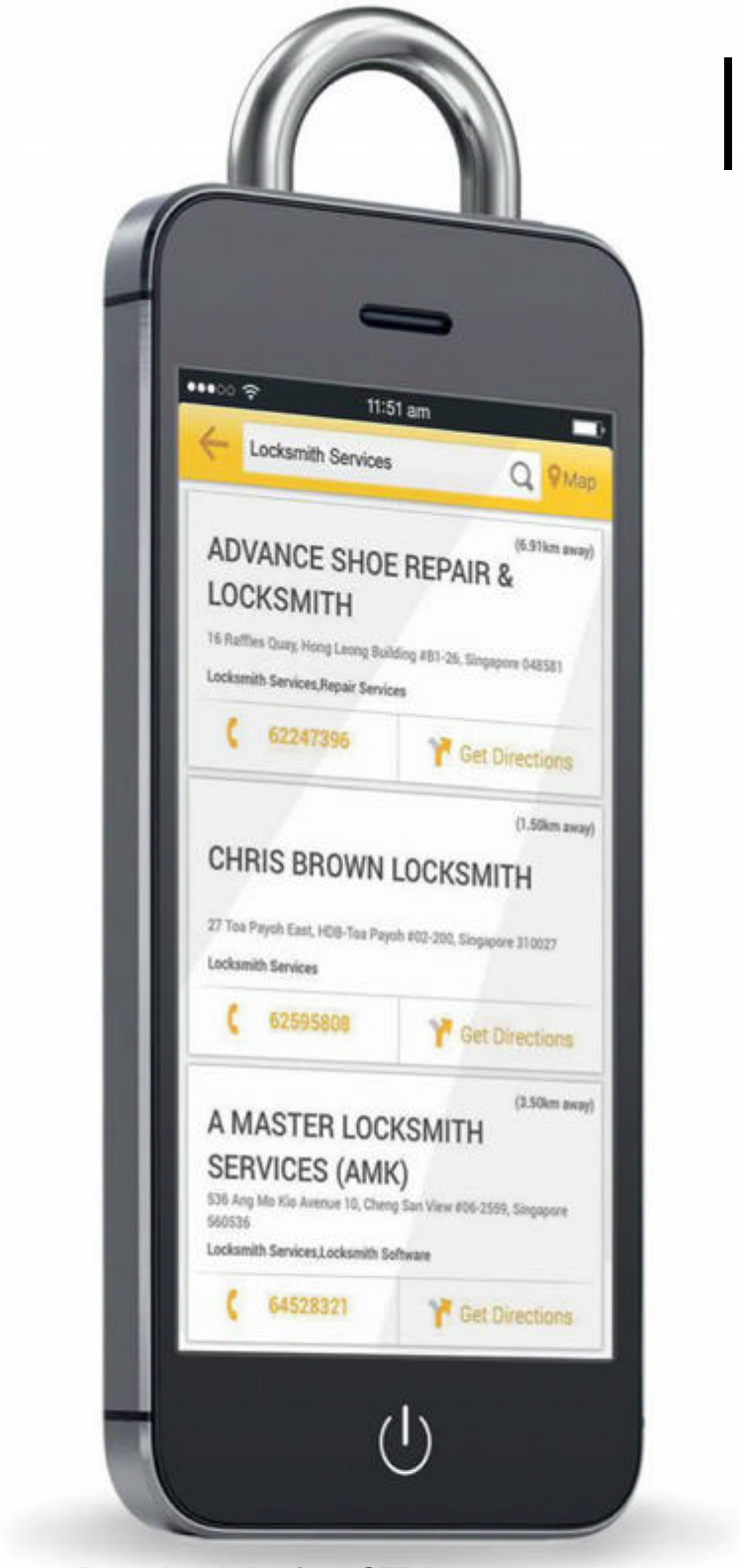






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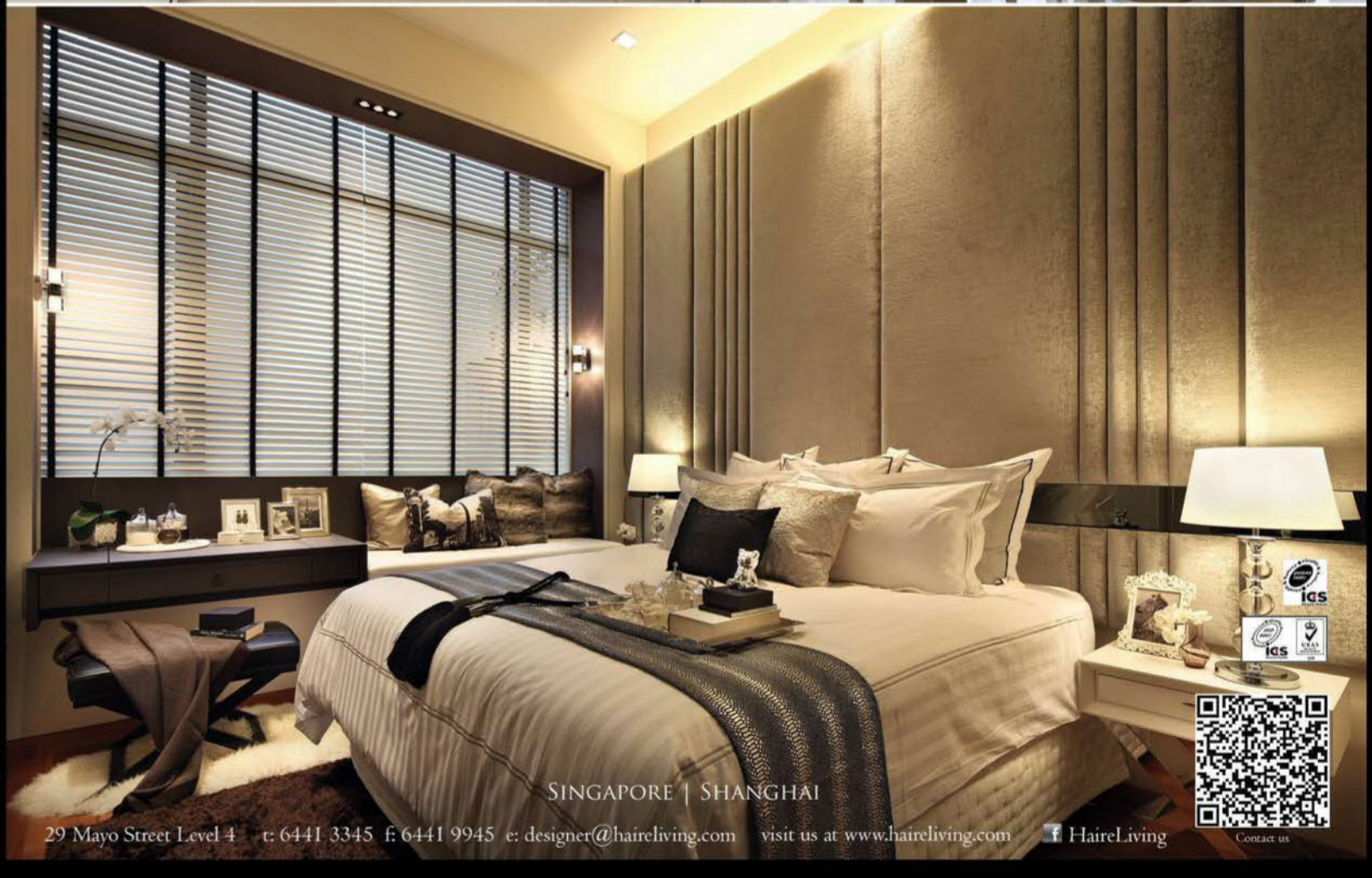
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